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激ヤバ賭博コミック!!
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田村 淳も絶賛!!
「心理戦の裏の読みあいに
血が騒ぎます!!」

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勝負に負ければ、待つのは"死"!!

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獏の前に新たなる刺客が迫る!!

暴き出す快感!
あふれ出す興奮!
こんな賭博漫画
みたことない!!

「あんた、嘘つきだねっ。」

彼らはバンド・ザ・ブースターズ
以前、自転車撤去のバイトを共にした仲である…
メジャーになる日も近い!!
行けっブースターズ!!

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U-SO-KU-I

廃ビル脱出勝負!!

対　　戦 ◇ “嘘喰い”獏 VS Q大郎
勝利条件 ◇ 廃ビルからの脱出
勝利報酬 ◇ 賭郎会員権+一千万円
敗　　北 ◇ 死

??? Q大郎が絶大な信頼を寄せる、最凶の番人。

九重大郎（Q大郎）
（ここのえたろう　キューたろう）
元傭兵の快楽殺人者。
都会に根を張る不動産王。

梶隆臣
（かじたかおみ）
獏とパチスロで出会ってしまった為に、命がけの勝負に参加するはめに…。

仲間

VS

斑目獏
（まだらめばく）
桁外れの洞察力を持つ天才ギャンブラー。嘘喰いの異名で称され賭郎との因縁がある。

夜行妃古壱
（やこうひこいち）
賭郎弐號立会人。謎に満ちた獏の過去を知る男。

◆前巻のあらすじ

謎の賭博組織「賭郎」の会員権を持つQ大郎に突如賭けを挑まれた斑目獏。賭郎弐號立会人・夜行が仕切り、ルール無用の廃ビル脱出勝負がスタート。Q大郎は脱出を阻止し、ビルから脱出すれば獏たちの勝利。現金一千万円と賭郎会員権が手に入る。初手の罠を破り、武器を手に入れた獏たちに新たな刺客が迫っていた!!

唯唯諾諾

第10話 相川の事

THEY'RE COMING!

PURSUERS

BAKU AND KAJI

WH..WH... WHAT SHOULD WE DO BAKU-SAN?!

A Feast of Screams

第10話 絶叫の宴

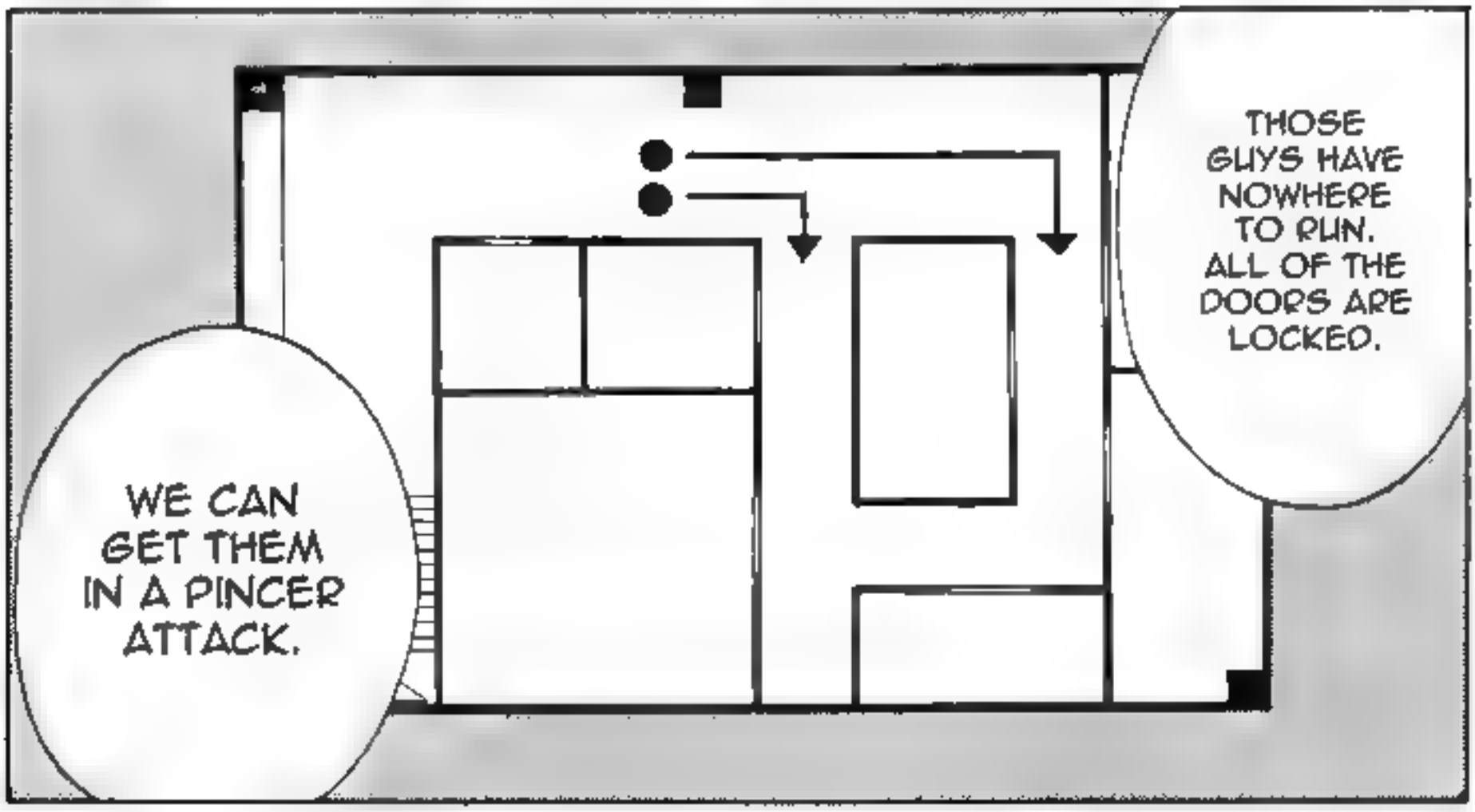
I TOLD YOU TO CALM DOWN KAJI-CHAN.

WILL BECOME OUR LIFE-LINE.

IT'S FINE!! I THOUGHT THE GUN WAS OUR LIFELINE!

HEY, HEY... CALM DOWN A LITTLE BIT MAN.
LET'S KILL THEM!
IT CAME FROM DOWN THIS PASSAGE!

LET'S NOT GET HOT HEADED AND HAVE FUN HUNTING THEM DOWN.
YOU'RE PRETTY CAUTIOUS FOR A GUY YOUR SIZE...
ACCORDING TO THE OLD MAN, THE PREY MAKES PRETTY CUNNING MOVEMENTS AND HAS A GUN.


WE CAN GET THEM IN A PINCER ATTACK.
THOSE GUYS HAVE NOWHERE TO RUN. ALL OF THE DOORS ARE LOCKED.

JUST LIKE ALWAYS...

LET'S HAVE FUN HUNTING THEM!

YOU'RE WHEEZING BAKU-BAN

HA

WE'VE ONLY RUN A FEW METERS SO FAR HOW BAD CAN HIS STAMINA REALLY BE?

THEY MUST HAVE HEARD ABOUT IT FROM THAT IDIOT ON THE ROOF.. I'LL TAKE CARE OF HIM LATER

THEY MUST HAVE WENT THIS WAY. THE STEEL WIRE TRAPS HAVE BEEN CUT DOWN WITH A KNIFE.

THOSE GUYS HAVE A KNIFE AND BERETTA. THERE'S A CHANCE THAT I CAN JUST STICK MY HEAD OUT AND GET SHOT.

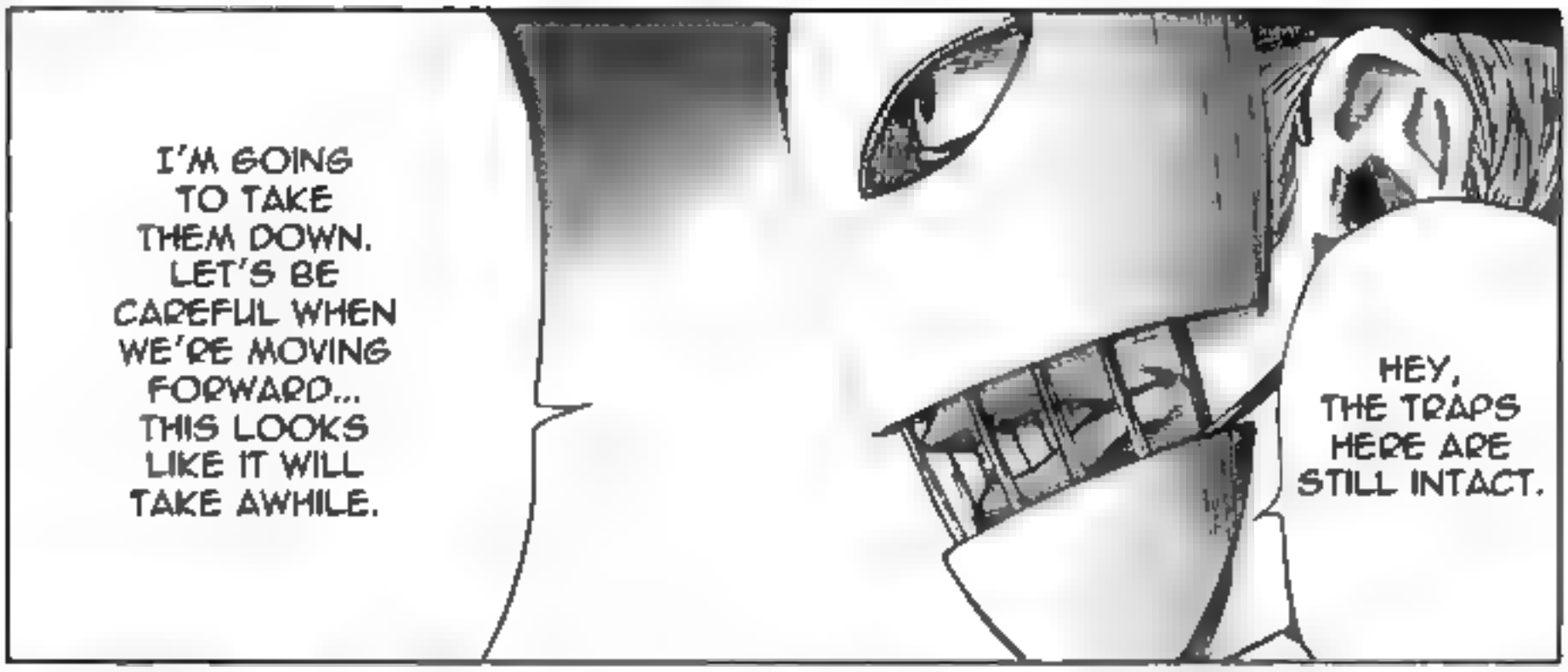
IT'S A PAIN, BUT I'LL TAKE THEM DOWN AND MOVE FORWARD.

THIS HALLWAY'S TRAPS HAVEN'T BEEN TOUCHED, SO THEY DIDN'T GO THIS WAY...

PING

PING

嘘嘘い❷。


I'M GOING TO TAKE THEM DOWN. LET'S BE CAREFUL WHEN WE'RE MOVING FORWARD... THIS LOOKS LIKE IT WILL TAKE AWHILE.
HEY, THE TRAPS HERE ARE STILL INTACT.
HUH? WHAT ARE YOU .
HAHAHA... THERE'S NO NEED FOR CAUTION.
WHAT HAP- PENED?
!
HAHAHA... HA... HAHA...
THEY LEFT BEHIND THEIR LIFELINE, THE BERETTA.
I THOUGHT THESE GUYS WERE SUPPOSED TO BE CUNNING. THE PREY HAS NO BRAINS AT ALL.

THE DANGER OF BEING SHOT IS GONE, AND THEY HAVE NOWHERE TO HIDE THEMSELVES.

ALL THEY HAVE NOW IS THE KNIFE.

WELL, THAT IS A BIT OF A DISAPPOINT-MENT...

HEH HEH

THAT MEANS HE WAS REALLY... NOTHING SPECIAL... HUH?

嘘吐いた。

YAKOU-SAN...
...YOUR EYES...

I'LL PUT AN END TO THIS!

ALRIGHT! YOU TAKE DOWN THE TRAPS AND MOVE FORWARD!

I'M GOING TO GO HUNTING BY MYSELF!

There's two of them! It won't matter if I kill one of them!

THAT GUN WAS OUR LIFE-LINE...

THERE HE IS! THE PREY!

AFTER YOU TOOK OUR LIFELINE...

YOU LET YOUR GUARD DOWN...

BE CAREFUL! THERE'S SOME-THING STRANGE ABOUT IT!
HEY! DID YOU PICK UP THAT GUN?!
HA! WHAT ARE...
WHY ARE YOU SO SCARED BIG MAN?!
THAT'S STUPID! YOU'RE THINKING TOO MUCH!
THEY MAY HAVE MODIFIED IT! IT COULD BLOW UP IF YOU TRY TO FIRE IT! USE YOUR OWN GUN!
ALRIGHT! LET IT OUT!
THE SCREAM OF YOUR DEATH!
WHEN HE GETS IN RANGE QUICKLY TAKE OUT HIS LEGS!
JUST USE YOUR OWN JUST IN CASE!
ALRIGHT ALRIGHT! I SWITCHED ALRIGHT?!

OH

OHH...

THIS IS GREEEAT!

Y...YES...

AAAA

I'M GOING NOW! LEAVE SOME FOR ME!

?

...HE KILL HIM...?

WOW, IT LOOKS LIKE HE REALLY

HEH...
FOUND ONE!
SO IT WAS
HIS BLOOD
HUH...?

HA
HA
HA

HAA

HEH HEH...
YOU MUST
BE MY SHARE
THEN...
YOU LOOK
LIKE YOU'RE
ALREADY
ABOUT TO
DIE.

HA
HA
HA

THE OTHER
GUY LEFT
THIS KID
BEHIND AND
RAN HUH...?
SO HE MUST
BE CHASING
THAT OTHER
GUY NOW...

OH,
YOU'RE
BACK?
DID IT
GO WELL?

HAHA...
RIDICULOUS.

IT LOOKS
LIKE YOU
GOT A LITTLE
FULL OF
YOURSELVES
AFTER ONE
CUNNING
MOVE AND
MADE A
GRUDGE
AGAINST US.

YEAH

IF WE PROS
GET SERIOUS,
IT'S OBVIOUS
THAT YOU GUYS
ARE JUST LIKE
SACKS OF MEAT.

MOVING CUNNINGLY I MEAN...

IT'S REALLY GOOD YOU KNOW...

CLINK

IT WENT SO WELL, IT WAS FUN.

WHERE DID HE GO... HOW DID THIS GUY CIRCLE AROUND AND TRAP ME?!

H- HOW?! ONE OF YOU CAME FROM BEHIND...

GAKU-SAN

YOU HAVE TO GET A LITTLE MORE SERIOUS... SEE, WHEN IT COMES TO TRYING TO TRICK EACH OTHER... I...

HEY OLD MAN, CAN YOU HEAR ME?

...AM A PRO.

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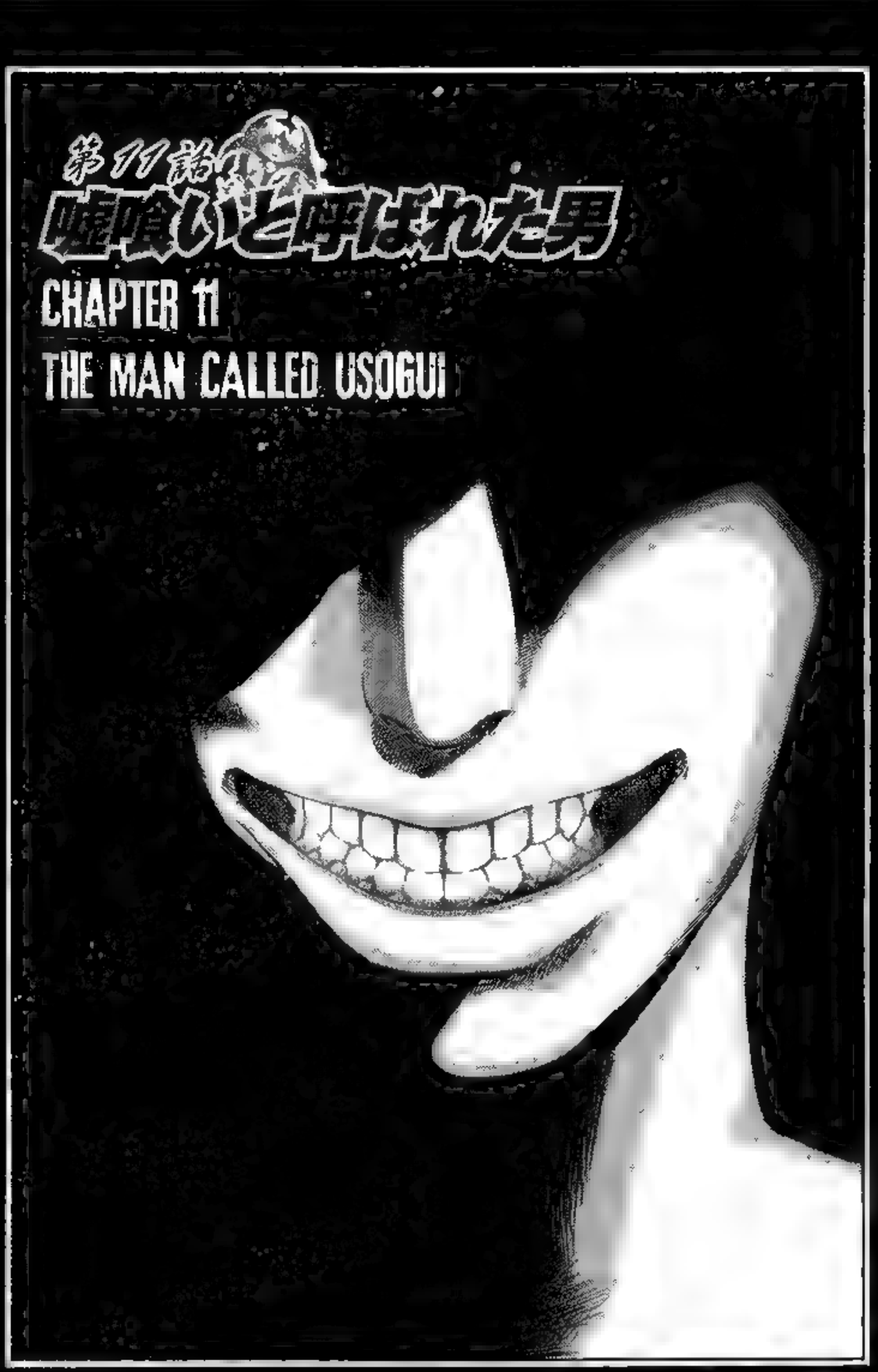

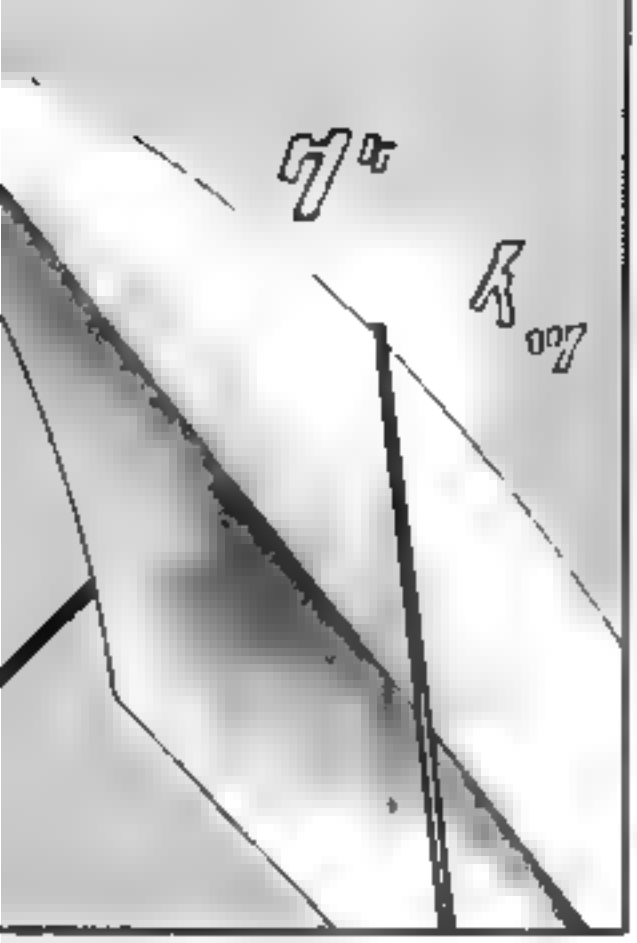
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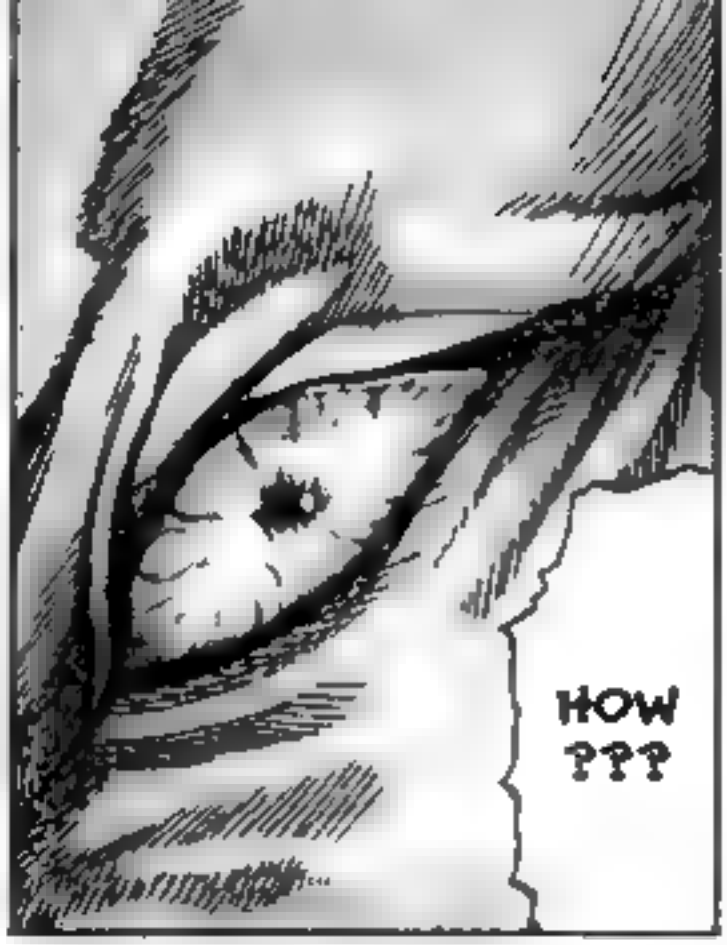
YOU'RE ASKING HOW?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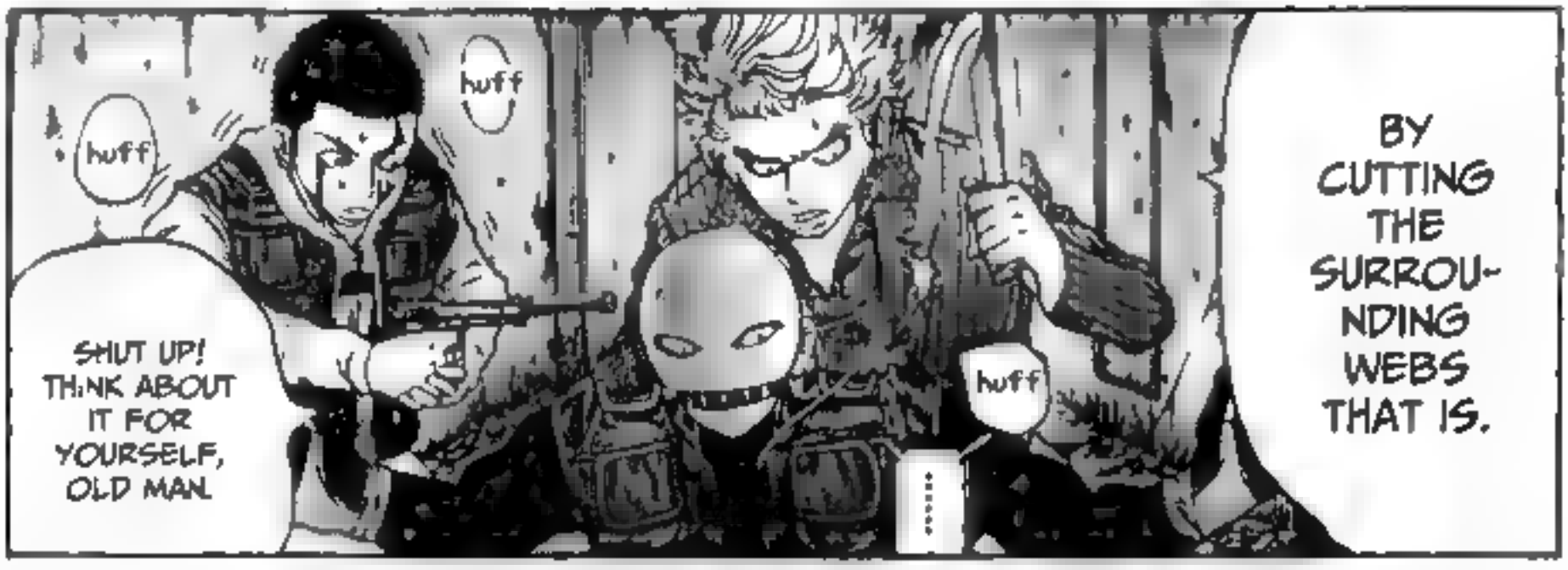
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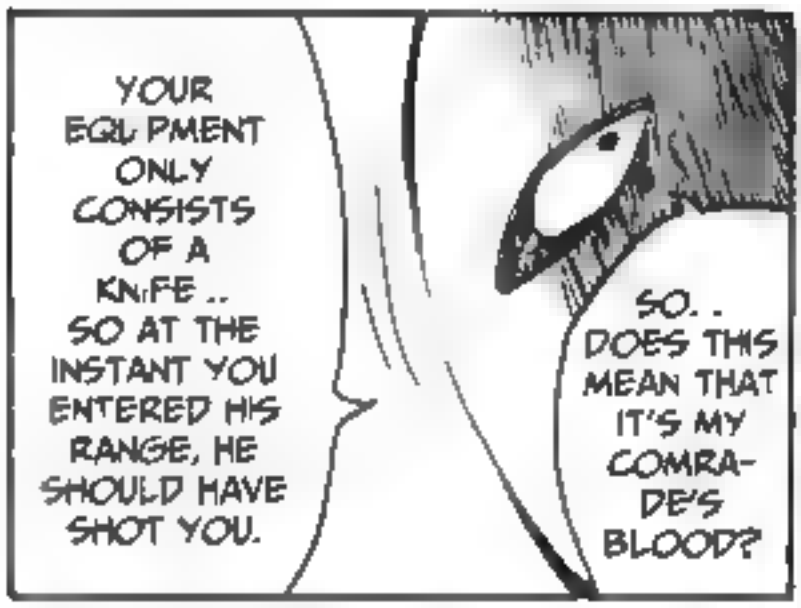
SHUT UP! THINK ABOUT IT FOR YOURSELF, OLD MAN.
BY CUTTING THE SURROU-NDING WEBS THAT IS.


YOUR EQUIPMENT ONLY CONSISTS OF A KNIFE.. SO AT THE INSTANT YOU ENTERED HIS RANGE, HE SHOULD HAVE SHOT YOU.
SO.. DOES THIS MEAN THAT IT'S MY COMRA-DE'S BLOOD?

AND IT IS IMPOSSIBLE TO ATTACK WITH A KNIFE IN SUCH CONDITIONS. HOW CAN THIS BE?

huff
huff
W-WHAT'S THE MEANING OF THIS?
IF I LOOK CLOSELY, IT'S NOT BLOOD FROM AN ORDINARY INJURY.. HAS IT BEEN DISCHA-RGED?

?

JUST A TABOO...

WHEN RED REPEATEDLY COMES UP, THE NEXT ONE WILL BE BLACK.. OR "THERE IS NO WAY A CROUPIER CAN MAKE THE BALL HIT THE NUMBER HE WANTS".

YOUR WAY OF THINKING IS SURE A TABOO IN GAMBLING.

スル

His face looks the same as the mask!?

THOSE ARE JUST ASSUMPTIONS. YOU'RE **S.I.N.G.L.E M.I.N.D.E.D!**

THINGS HAVE ALREADY HAPPENED, BUT YOU JUST ARBITRARILY *ASSUMED.*

WHILE YOU TWO HAVE BEEN PURSUING US,

WH-

WHAAT?

ASSUMING...

HE'S RIGHT. WE HAVE BEEN

"THE TRAPS ARE ALREADY DISENGAGED."

HAVE ALREADY BEEN DISENGAGED.

ALL THE BAITS... PAST HERE,

I ASSUMED THAT ALL THE TRAPS IN THE INNER PASSAGE HAVE BEEN DEACTIVATED.

JUST BY CONFIRMING THAT THE TRAPS CLOSE TO THE ENTRANCE ARE DISENGAGED

ALL THE ENHANCING FEELING OF SUPERIORITY, THAT THE ENEMY HAS NO GUNS SHOULD HAVE NEVER COME UP

WHEN I FOUND THEIR GUN, ALL MY CAUTIOUSNESS HAS BEEN BLOWN AWAY.

HUM. WILL I BE SPLIT ?

RECKLESS! WEREN'T YOU?

AFTER THAT BEING PREVOKED BY SEEING THAT FIGURE

HEY THAT GUN LOOKS FISHY, I'M WORRIED THAT WE MAY BE TRICKED... AND THEN

WE QUICKLY PICKED UP THE IDEA THAT THE GUN ON THE GROUND IS JUST BAIT.

YOU'VE FORGOTTEN ABOUT THE TRAPS AND SO ON

WHAT IS IT?

...WITHOUT A DOUBT GET CAUGHT BY THE TRAPS THAT HAVE BEEN INTENTIONALLY PLACED ON THE SIDES.

THE BUILDING IS COVERED IN DARKNESS. THE ONE THAT PLANNED TO GET CLOSER TO A SAFE PURSUING DISTANCE WILL...

TO STEAL EQUIPMENT, THE OTHER ONE WAS...

huff

huff

AFTER THAT SCREAM, WE HID THE ONE WHO CUT THE COMMUNICATION LINES. THE BLOOD YOU SAW IS FROM THAT MOMENT.

...WHAT?

GOING ROUND-ABOUT THE COURSE THAT WAS BEHIND THE PATH I WAS FOLLOWING.

At such an instance...

What is he?

IS THAT EVEN POSSIBLE?

SCHEMING SUCH GREAT STRATEGY ...

seriously ...

ス...

This man...

WHAT KIND OF WORLD

HAS HE BEEN LIVING IN?

HAHA

HAHA

HE HAS BEEN THE ONE, WHO GAVE ME THE MOST PLEASURE OF ALL GAMBLES I HAD.

WHAT A SIGNI-FICANT MAN HE WAS.

THAT WAS THE NAME OF THIS SKULL'S OWNER.

HOUJOU RYOU

カコ

ン

YES, THAT SURELY WAS HIS NAME!

A NEW RECORD HAS BEEN SET I WILL REPLACE THIS.. WITH THEIR SKULLS!

hehe

hehe

hehe

haha

he
he
he

HIS NAME IS MADA-RAME BAKU

HE IS CALLED USOGUI- THE LIE EATER!

.....

YOU...

TALKING AS IF YOU KNOW SOMETHING ABOUT HIM REALLY, WHAT IS IT?

BAKU

……?

USOGUI?

USOGUI
YOU
SAY_?

AT THE AGE OF 15, HE TOOK DOWN KAKEROU MEMBERS IN A BLINK OF AN EYE.

賭弧郎メンバーを瞬く間に踩躙

十五歳にして

最賭神の頭脳と悪魔の冷徹さを有

賭弧郎史上

強のギャンブラーと言われ

POSESSING GOD'S INTELLECT AND DEVIL'S CALMNESS.
IN KAKEROU'S HISTORY HE IS KNOWN AS THE
STRONGEST GAMBLER.

I AM ASCENDING

...

ASCEN-DING

ha ha ha

HE HE

IT'S NATURAL THAT YOUR ESTIMA-TES ABOUT HIM ARE HIGH

THE FAMOUS GAMBLER THAT TOTALLY ERASED HIS APPEARA-NCE SEVERAL YEARS AGO.

HE HE

YES, YES... USOGUI IS MY OPPO-NENT.

HE HE

IF I WIN AGAINST USOGUI...

IN THOSE DAYS, HIS POSITION HASN'T CHANGED AS THE MAN AT THE TOP POSITION OF KAKEROU.

IF THINGS GO THIS WAY, STANDING AT THE TOP OF KAGEROU WON'T BE A DREAM ANYMORE...

I WILL BE THE ONE WHO HAS SURPASSED HIM!!!

I'LL BE ON TOP OF THAT SAME KAKEROU THAT HOLDS NATIONAL POLITICAL AND UNDERGROUND POWER.

KNOWING THAT THE GAME ENDS HERE

YOU HEARD ME? NO NEED TO HOLD BACK... KILL HIM!

DO IT!

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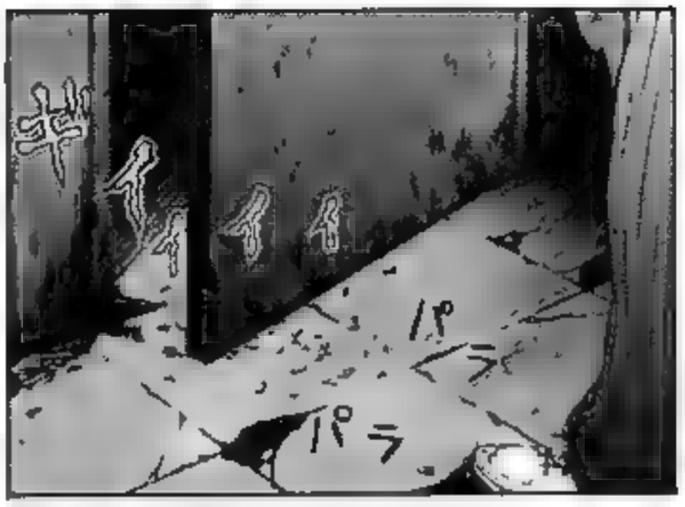
BAKJ-SAN, DO YOU THINK THAT SOMETHING IS HAPPEN.NG .N THERE?
WE HAVE A GUN LOADED WITH 4 BULLETS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ANYWAY, I'M GOING TO CHECK .F THERE IS ANYTHING GOING ON IN THERE...

PLUS WE HAVE A HOSTAGE. I'M WONDER.NG .F THE OPPO- NENT IS A SUBMACHINE GUN USER... FOR NOW WE ARE SUPER.OR TO HIM BUT...
.I THINK THE OLD MAN WILL START TO GET SERIOUS NOW
DOES PIL.NG UP THESE IDEAS GIVE THIS K.ND OF FEEL.NG?

第12話
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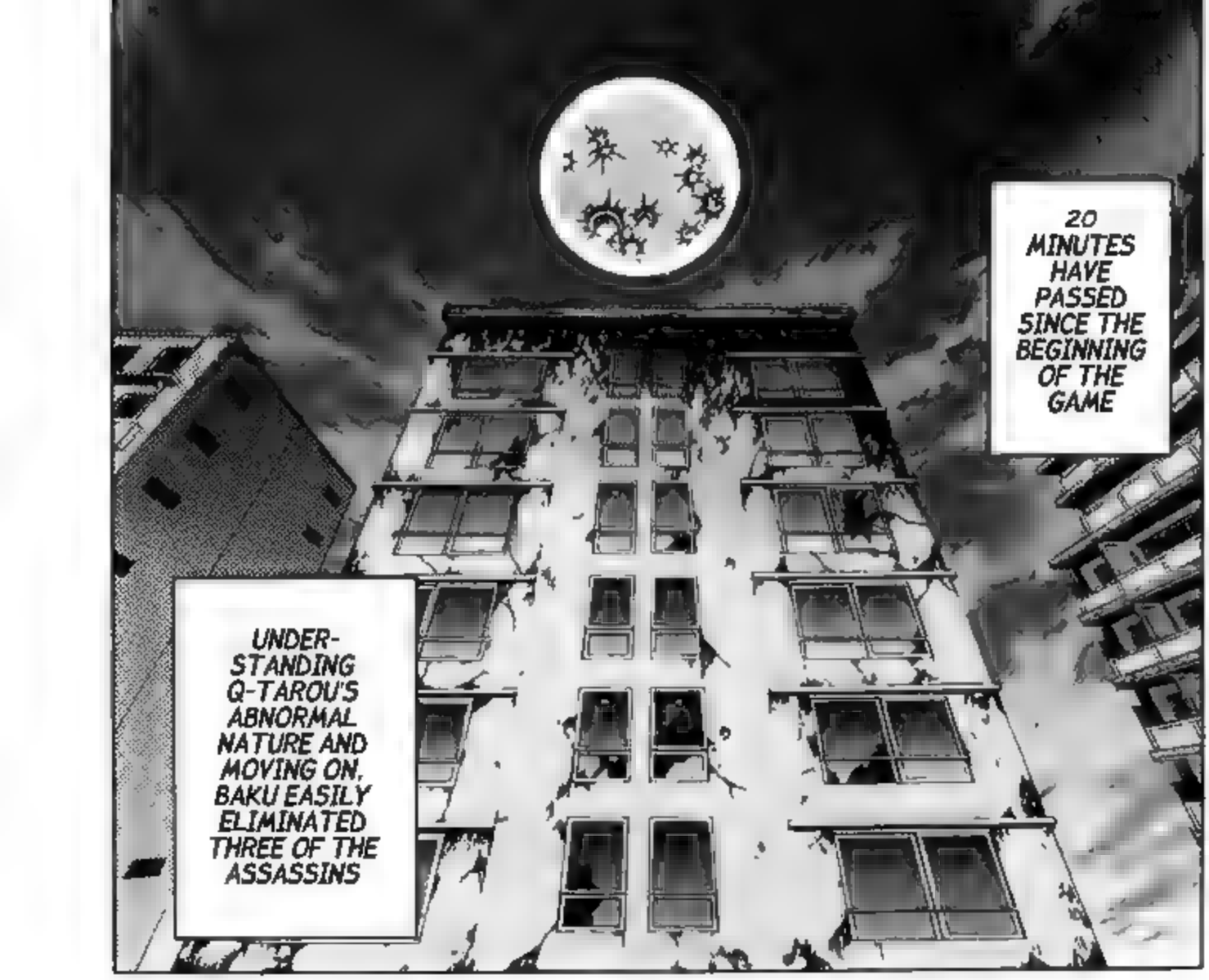
20 MINUTES HAVE PASSED SINCE THE BEGINNING OF THE GAME
UNDER-STANDING Q-TAROU'S ABNORMAL NATURE AND MOVING ON, BAKU EASILY ELIMINATED THREE OF THE ASSASSINS

THEY ARE SINNERS...

IN A WAY THAT SURPASSES USOGUI'S PREDI CTIONS
A TORTURE FROM HELL IS AWAITING THEM...
BUT THE PUNISH-MENT WILL COME SOONER THAN EXPECTED...
AH...
A VILLAIN WHO ENJOYS MURDER, IS A BEING WHO SHOULD BE PUNISHED
6F
ROOFTOP

I STILL FEEL INSECURE ABOUT ALL THOSE SUBMACHINE GUNS AND GUNFIGHTS.
BAKU-SAN...
ガ'9
ガ'9
THIS WON'T BE NECESSARY.
RELAX MAAAN... I SUPPOSE...
H-HEY... DON'T SHOOT!
THE FACT THAT WE HAVE A HOSTAGE DOESN'T GIVE ME ANY CONFI-DENCE AT ALL
.....
THAT OLD MAN THOUGHT OF HIMSELF BEING A PRO AND HAS TAKEN ME LIGHTLY... HE'S JUST AN ORDINARY BATTLE MANIAC, WHO DOESN'T EVEN DARE TO TORTURE WEAKER ONES IF HE DOESN'T HAVE THE ADVANTAGE IN NUMBERS. IN ADDITION TO THAT...
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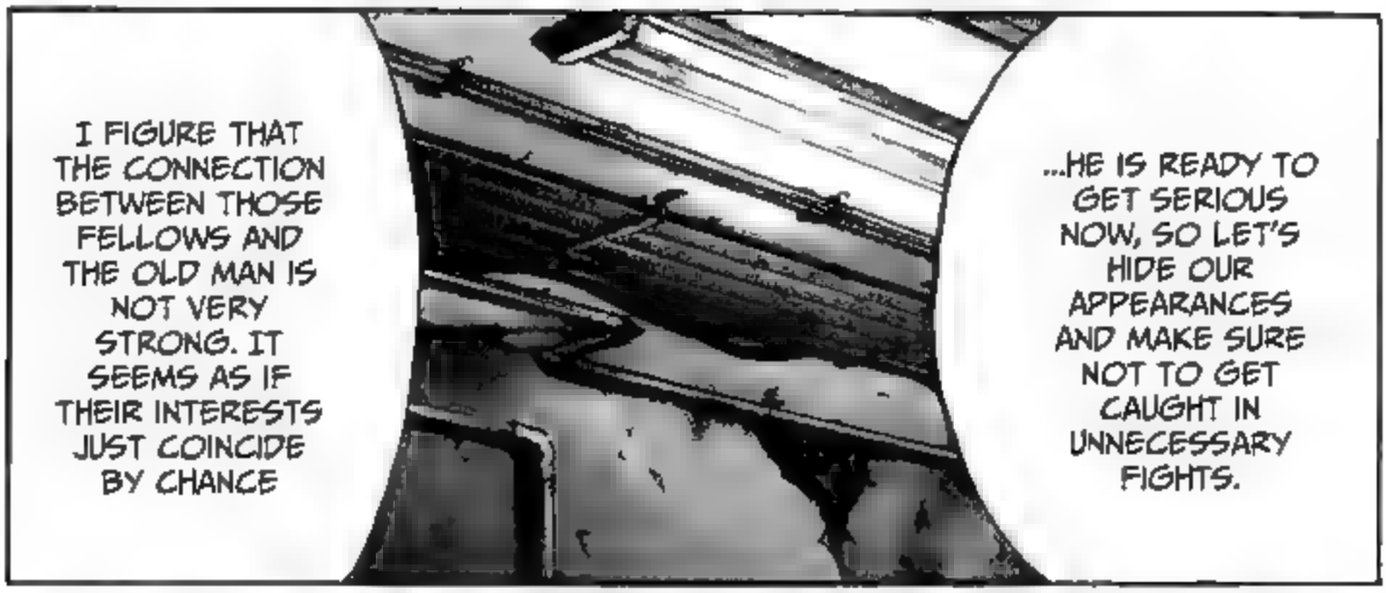
WE NO LONGER ARE POWERLESS SPOILS TO THEM...


I FIGURE THAT THE CONNECTION BETWEEN THOSE FELLOWS AND THE OLD MAN IS NOT VERY STRONG. IT SEEMS AS IF THEIR INTERESTS JUST COINCIDE BY CHANCE
...HE IS READY TO GET SERIOUS NOW, SO LET'S HIDE OUR APPEARANCES AND MAKE SURE NOT TO GET CAUGHT IN UNNECESSARY FIGHTS.

YOU'RE SAYING THAT NONE OF YOUR REMAINING FIGURES IN THIS GAME IS USEFUL ANYMORE?
IN OTHER WORDS...

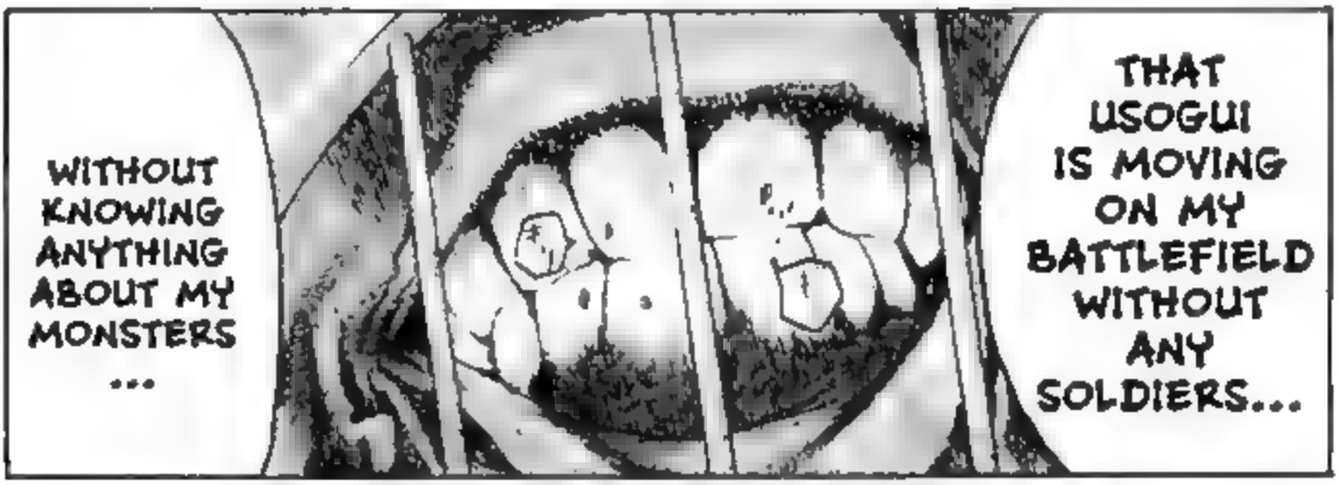
THE BEST POSSIBLE RESULT FOR THEM WOULD BE THAT THEY KEEP USOGUI LONGER INSIDE OF THE BUILDING.
EVEN IF THAT HAPPENS
BUT I HAVE TO WIN BY ANY MEANS... SO IT'S "HIS" TURN TO JOIN THE GAME...

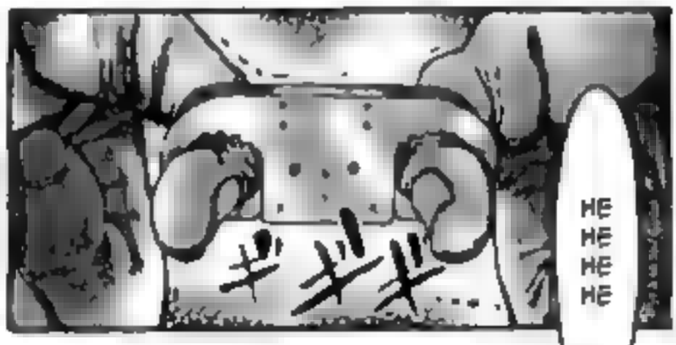
YEAH, SOMEHOW.
ACTUALLY THEY ONLY HAVE BEEN APPETIZERS BEFORE THE MAIN DISH. NORMALLY THEY DON'T GET COUNTERED.

パチ
TIME TO CHANGE...
HEY... MARCO... I SAID WAKE UP!
HE IS JUST A MERE TOOL. THE USEFUL ONE IS SOMEONE ELSE...
MARCO DOESN'T LISTEN TO MY COMMANDS VERY WELL...
AH
!!
OW WW

IT'S YOUR FAVORITE TIME...
HUNTING TIME!
WAKE UP! RODEMU

HA, HA....
I AM ALL
FIRED UP...


WITHOUT KNOWING ANYTHING ABOUT MY MONSTERS ...
THAT USOGUI IS MOVING ON MY BATTLEFIELD WITHOUT ANY SOLDIERS...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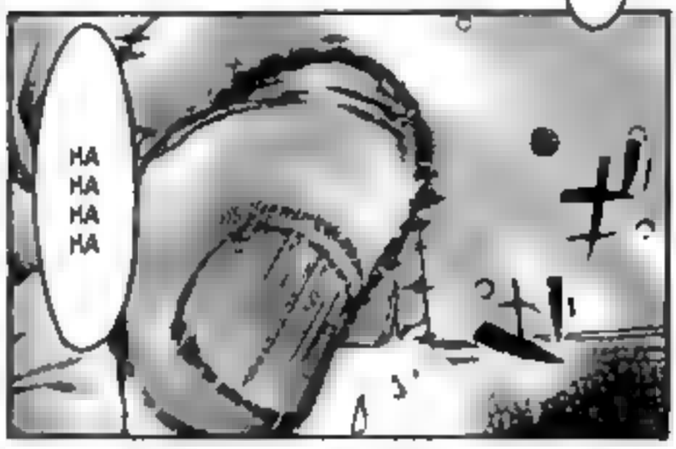
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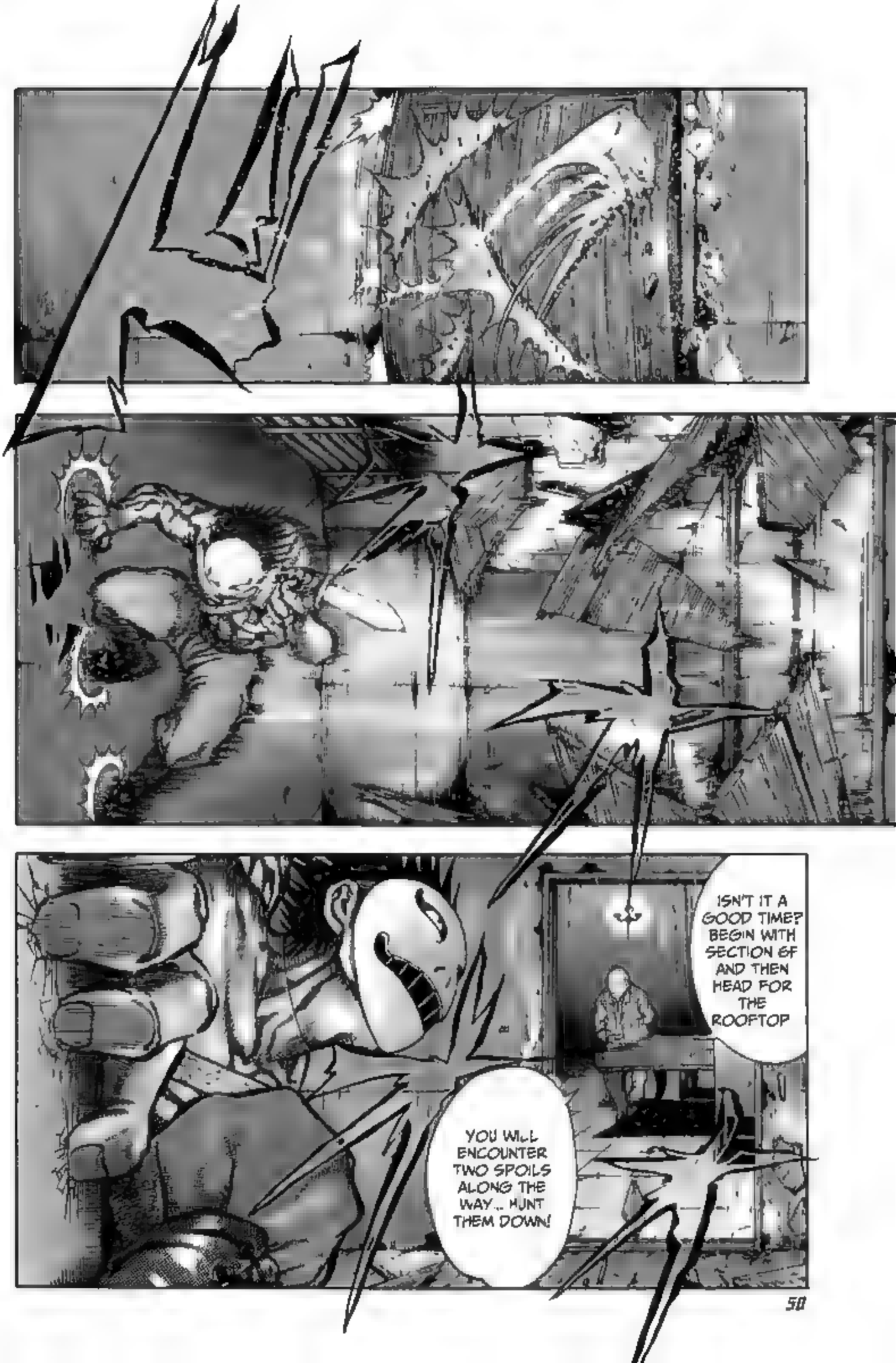
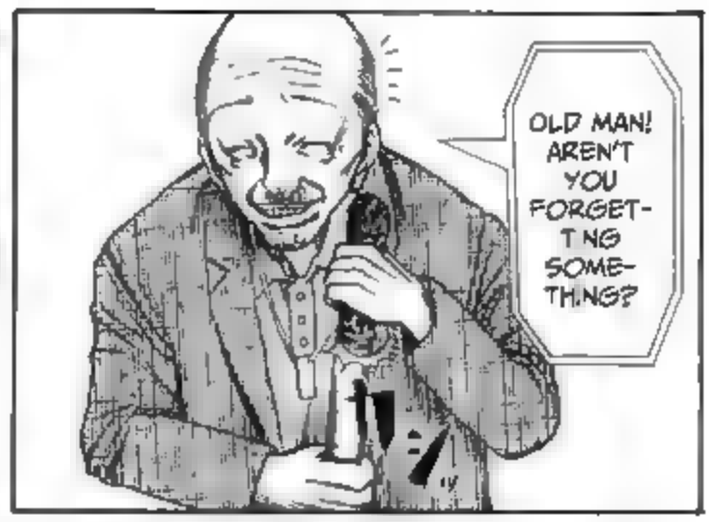
HA

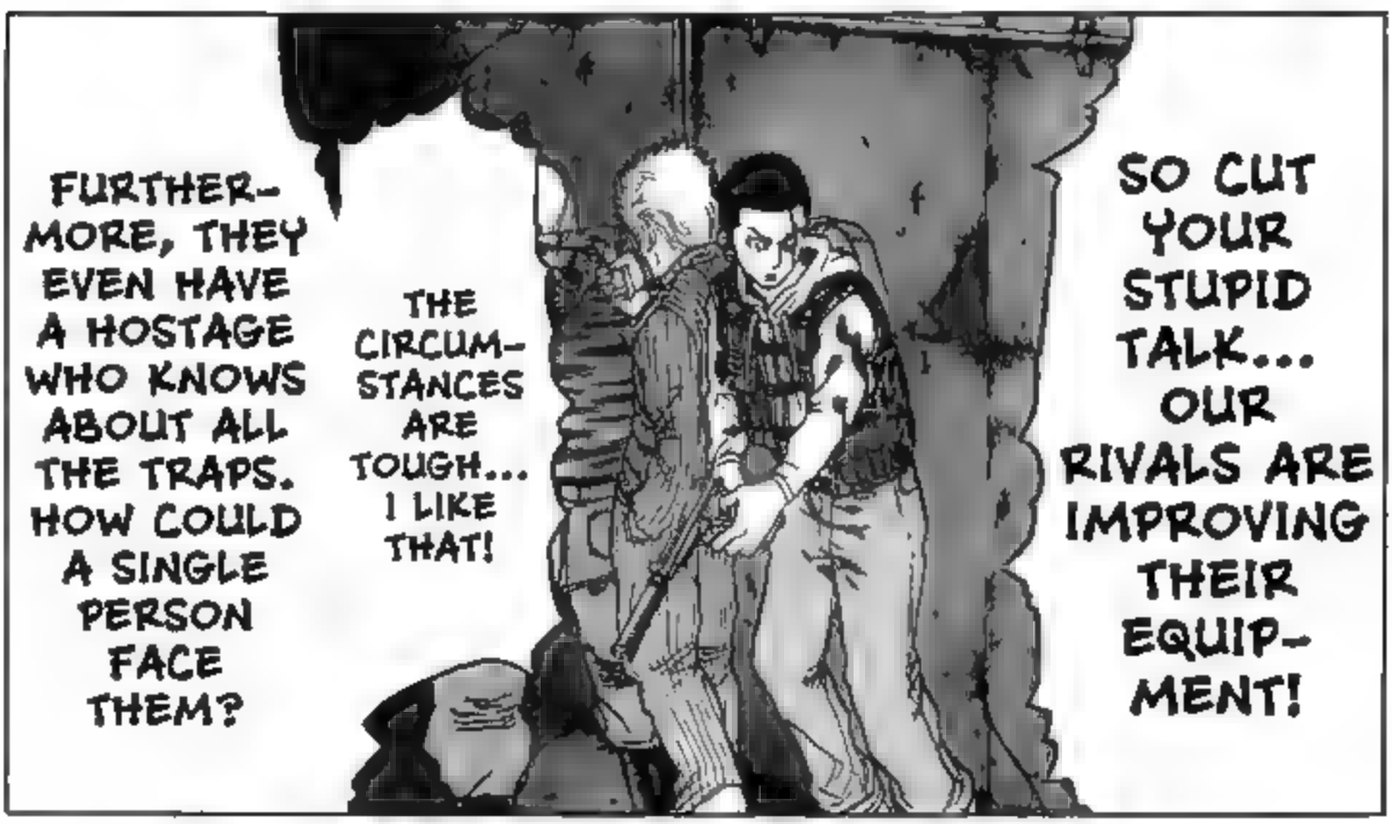
OLD MAAN!
YOU DON'T SAY...
IT'S OK. MY PRECIOUS LITTLE RODEMU
...YOU TWO.
I ATTACHED A CAMERA ON YOU. NOW DO AS I COMMAND...
EVERY SINGLE ONE OF THEM!
KILL ANYONE YOU ENCOUNTER IN THIS BUILDING

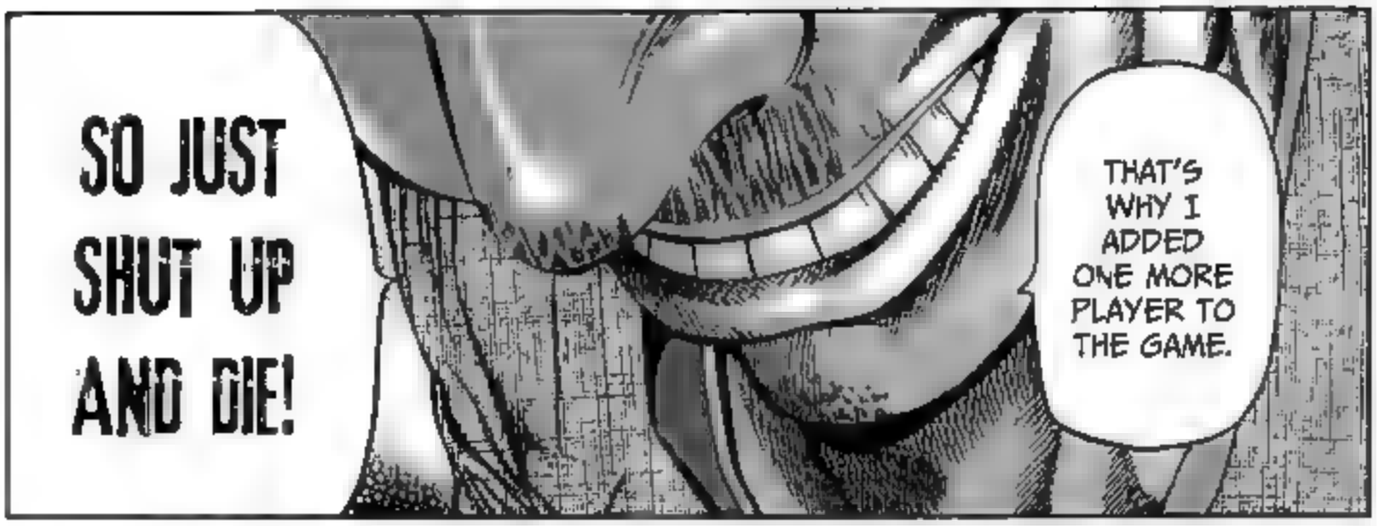

ISN'T IT A GOOD TIME? BEGIN WITH SECTION 6F AND THEN HEAD FOR THE ROOFTOP
YOU WILL ENCOUNTER TWO SPOILS ALONG THE WAY... HUNT THEM DOWN!

STOP HIM! I WILL TAKE ON THE PREY!!
WITH THAT ORDER WE WILL ALSO GET KILLED!


OLD MAN! AREN'T YOU FORGET-TING SOME-THING?

DIDN'T YOU JUST LOITER DURING THE HUNT WITHOUT DOING ANYTHING?
YOU USELESS FOOL!


FURTHER-MORE, THEY EVEN HAVE A HOSTAGE WHO KNOWS ABOUT ALL THE TRAPS. HOW COULD A SINGLE PERSON FACE THEM?
THE CIRCUM-STANCES ARE TOUGH... I LIKE THAT!
SO CUT YOUR STUPID TALK... OUR RIVALS ARE IMPROVING THEIR EQUIP-MENT!


SO JUST SHUT UP AND DIE!
THAT'S WHY I ADDED ONE MORE PLAYER TO THE GAME.

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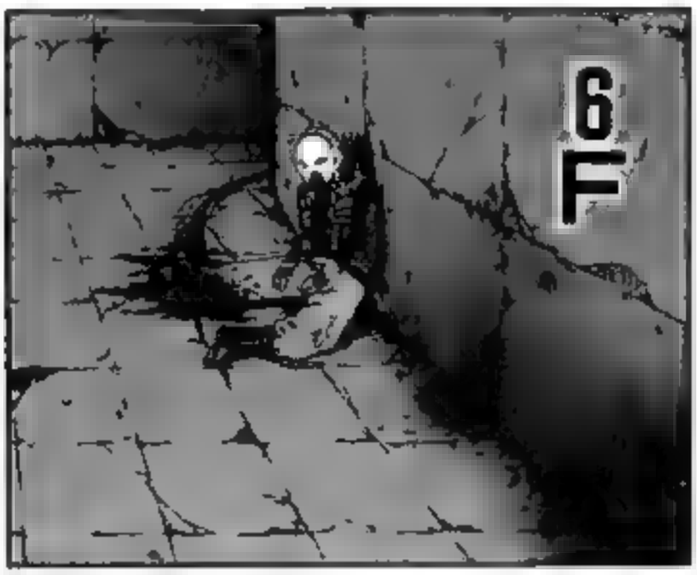
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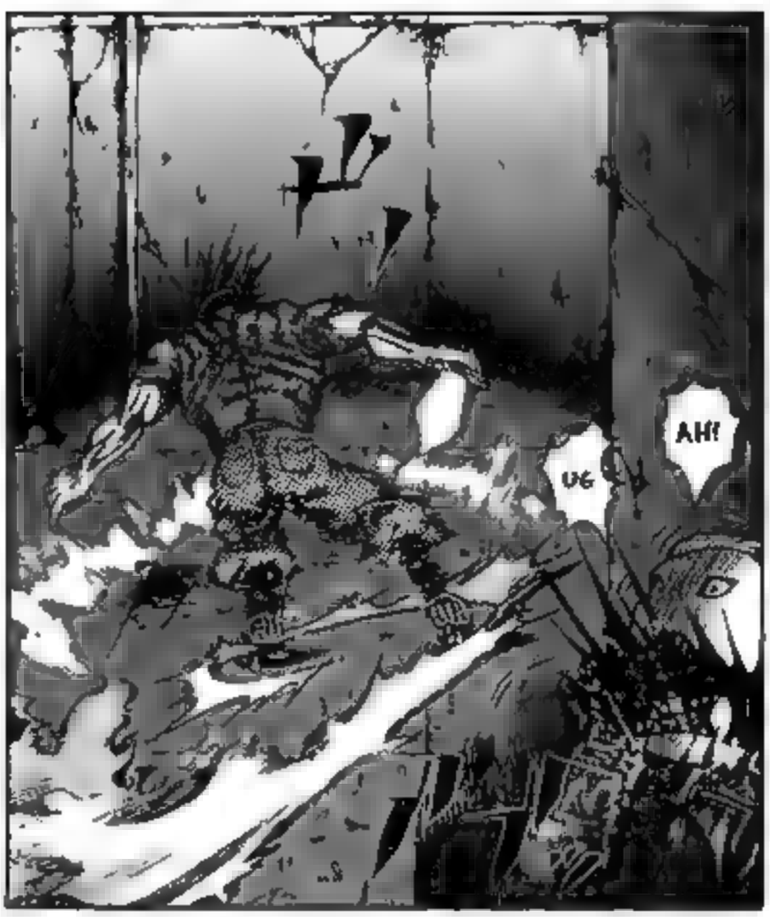
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TAKE THE SHORT-CUT!
ALL RIGHT HEY RODEMU, THE REMAINING ONES ARE IN SECTION 3F

WHAT? YOU WANT TO SAY SOME-THING?
AND SO...

THINGS WILL GET TROUBLE-SOME IF WE DON'T LEAVE THIS BUILDING IMMEDIATELY.
DON'T MAKE UNNECESSARY COMMENTS!! JUST COOPERATE!!
FROM HERE ON THE AMOUNT OF TRAPS ON LOWER LEVELS IS HALVED. LET ME HELP YOU.

HMM... I THINK THAT "HE"... IS SOMEONE CLOSE TO THAT GROSS OLD MAN.
ABOUT THE TRAPS MAN, THE TRAPS!! BUT WHO IS "HE"... I DON'T GET WHAT THIS GUY'S SAYING
WHAT IS HE TALKING ABOUT?..
IF WE DON'T MOVE QUICKLY "HE" WILL GET US!

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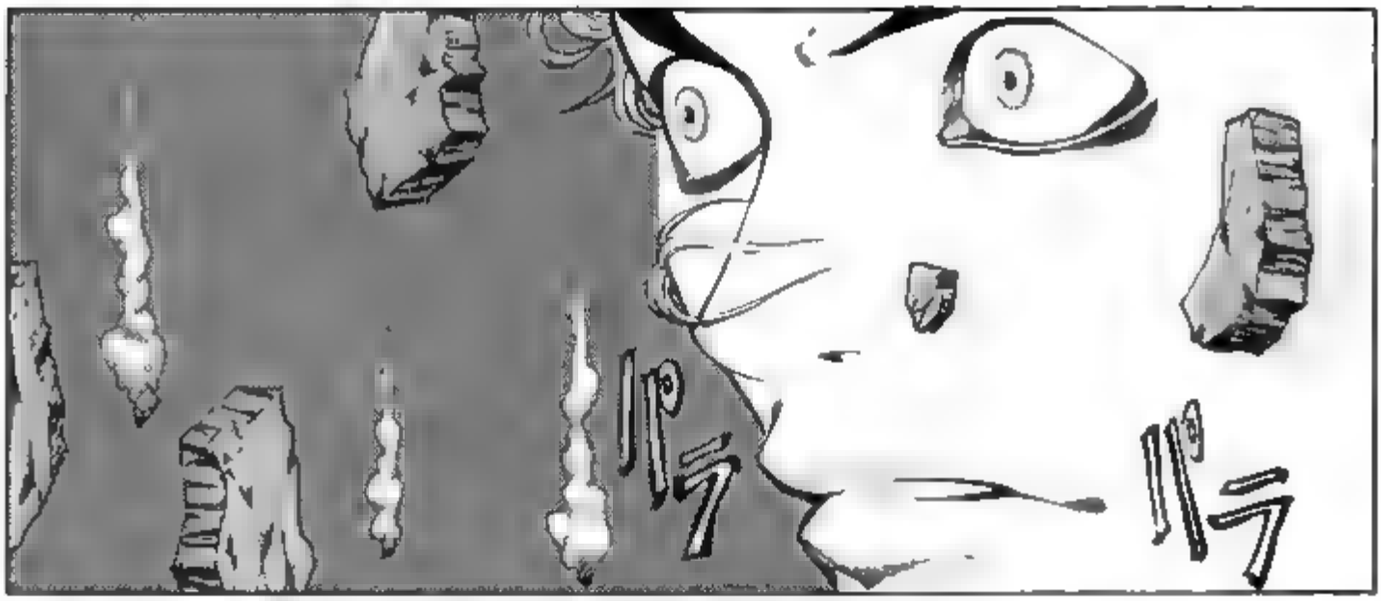
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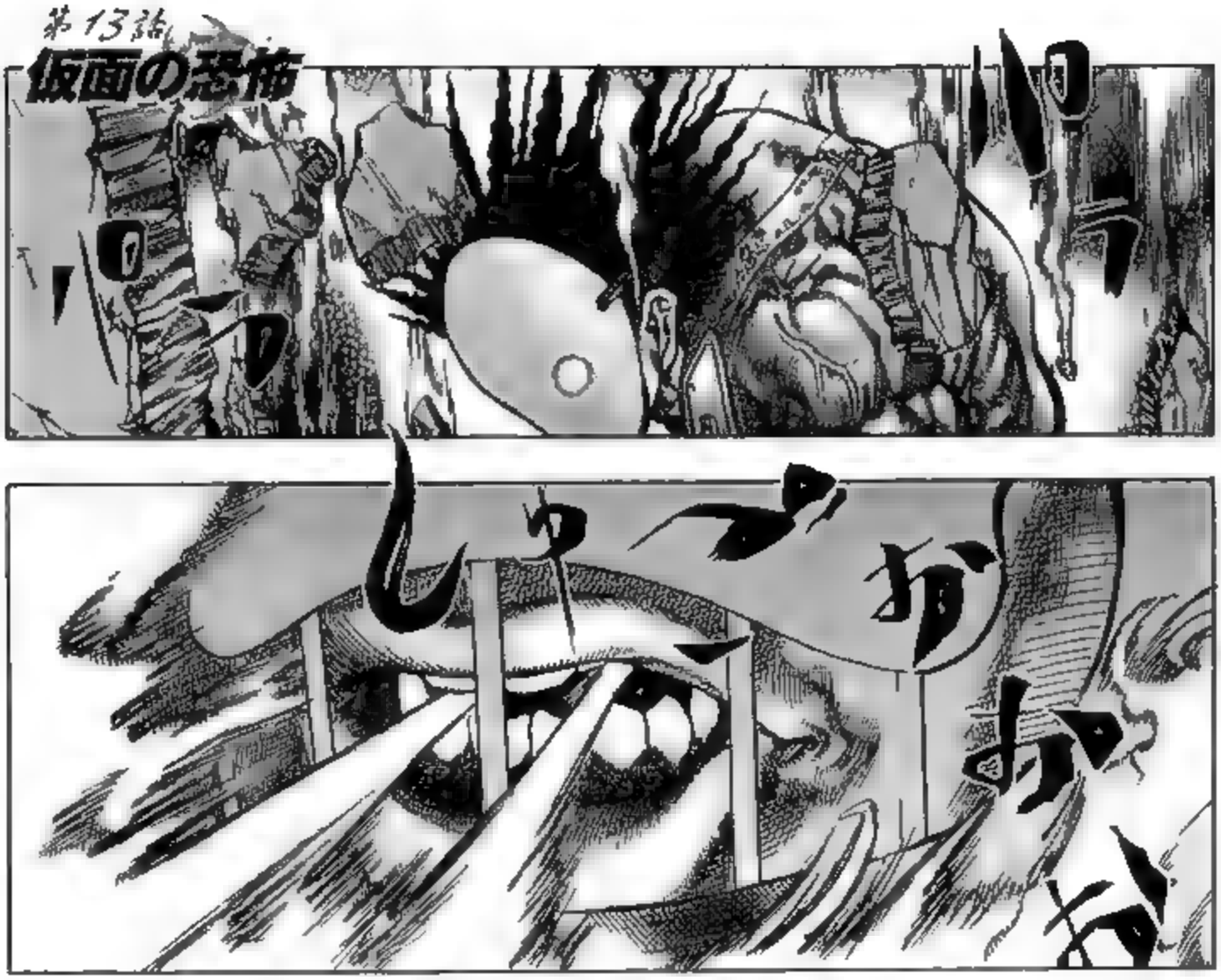
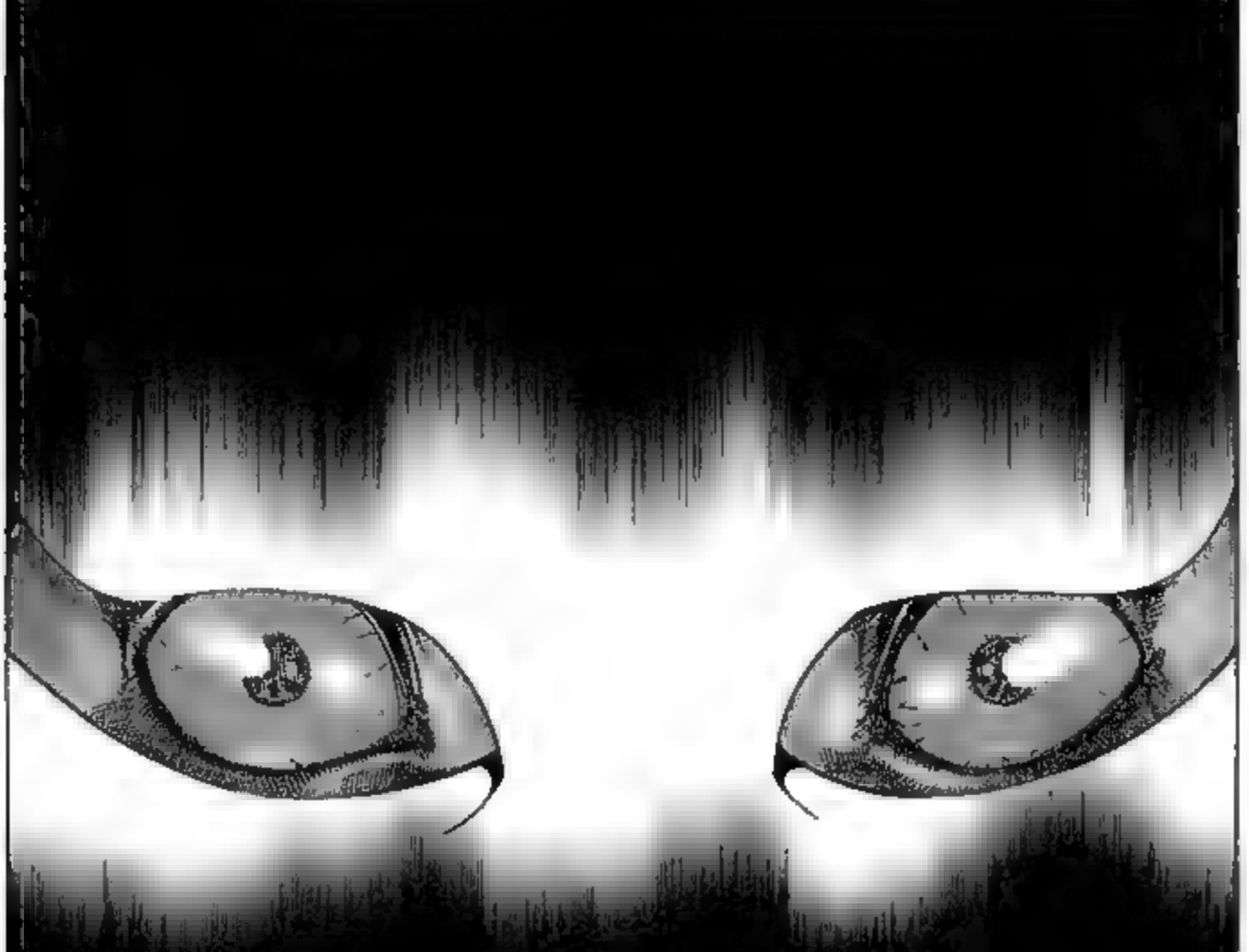

IF IT IS MY ROLE TO GET KILLED...
DURING THIS MANGA...?
AH
COME ON, NOW SHOW THEM YOUR STRENGTH!
ALL RIGHT, RODEMU. YOU MANAGED TO DO A SUCCESSFUL LANDING.



Chapter 13
-Terror of the Mask-

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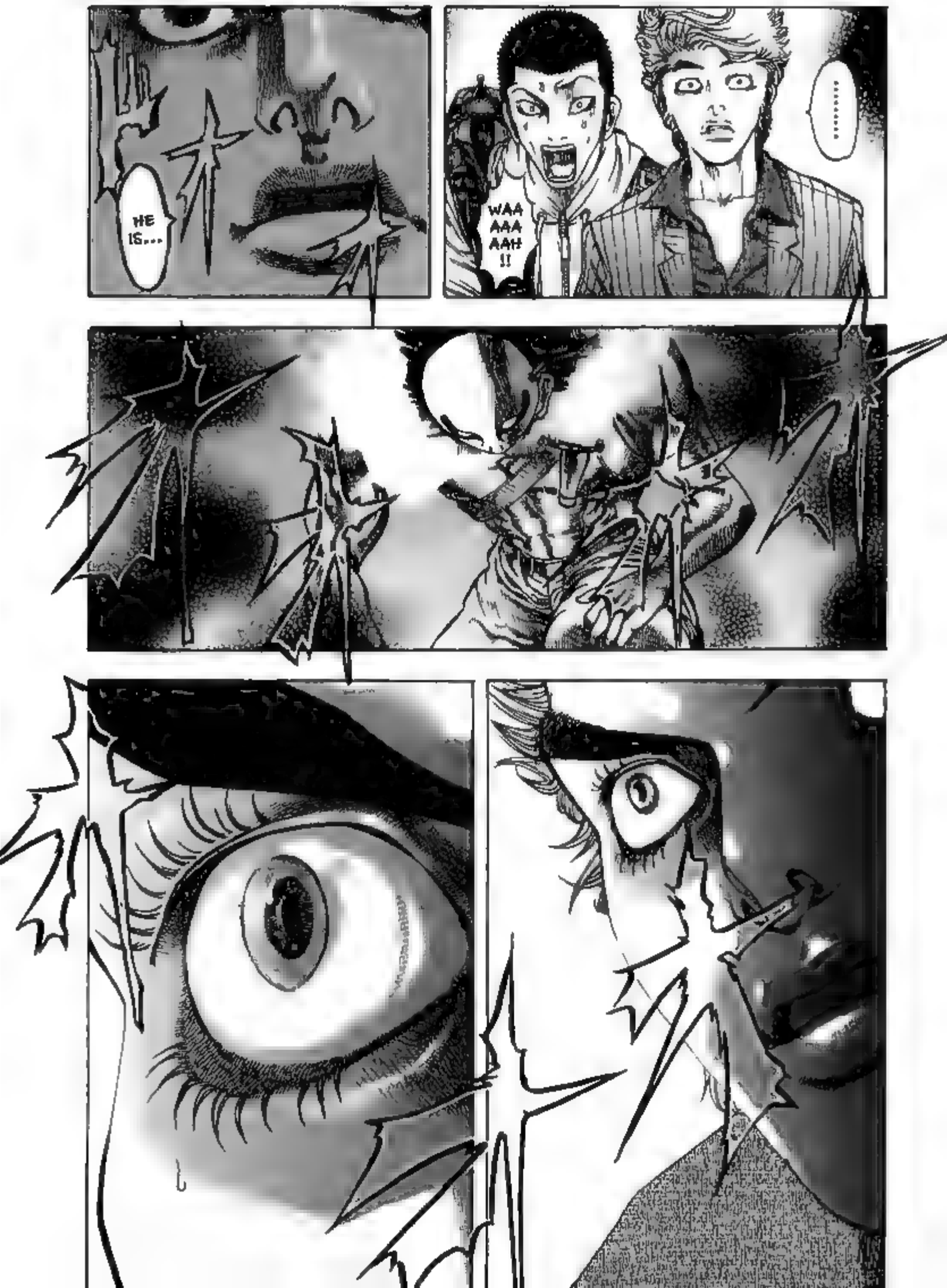
HE IS...
WAA AAA AAH !!
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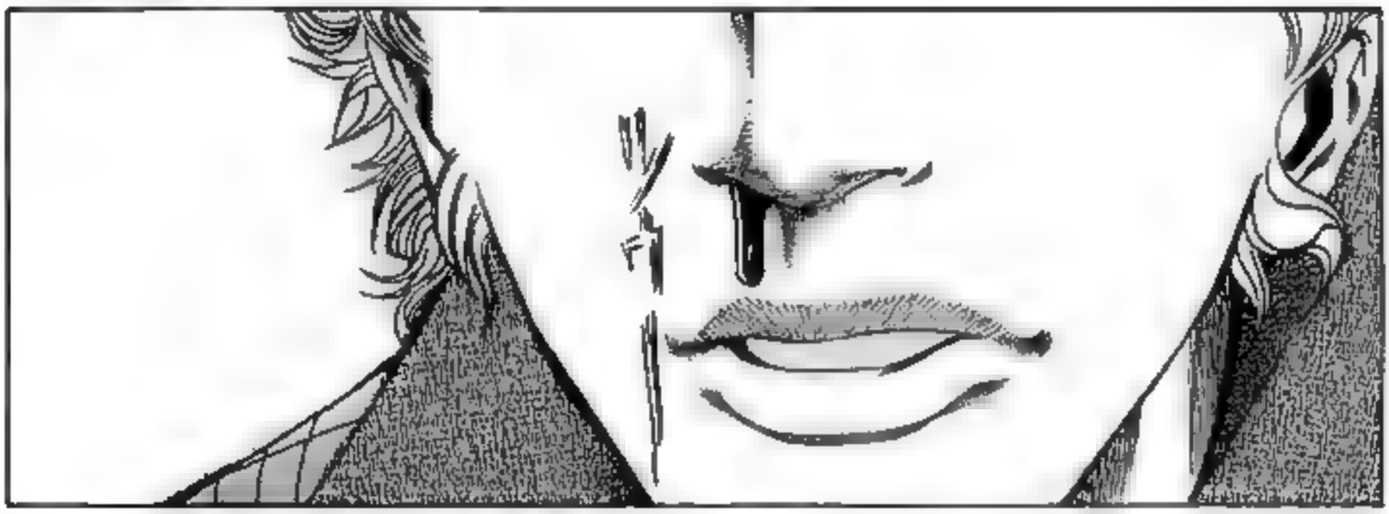
TREMBLE



KAJI-CHAN... RUN!
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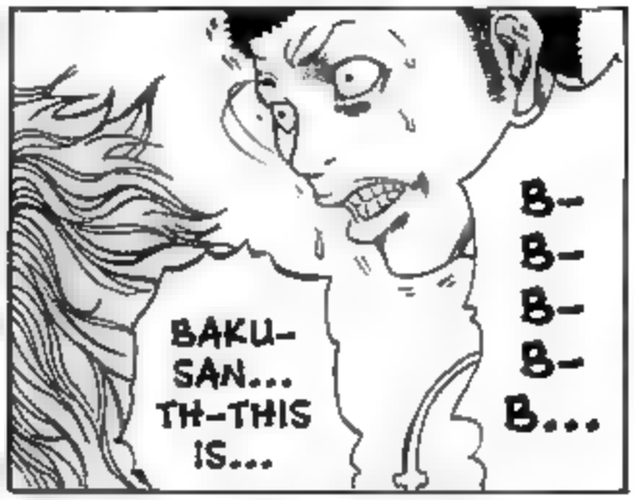
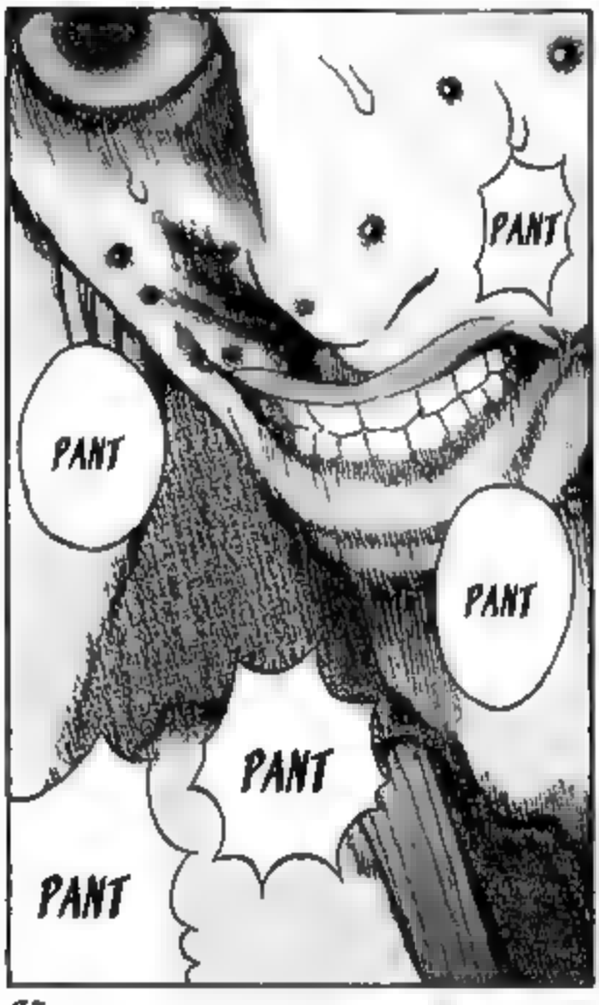

BAKU-SAN... TH-THIS IS...
B-B-B-B-B...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THOSE WERE THE ONLY WORDS...
AT THAT TIME...

THAT BAKU COULD MUTTER...

THIS IS
FUN!!!

YES. THIS IS WHAT I CALL FUN.
F-FUN?
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FROM NOW ON... IT'S LIFE OR DEATH. THIS IS LIKE RUSHING INTO A DANGEROUS GAMBLE WHICH CANNOT BE READ BEFOREHAND, BUT...
JUST NOW... BAKU-SAN'S HEART IS CREATING SOME KIND OF LIKING...

I ENTERED THIS BUILDING TO WIN!!
NOTHING HAS CHANGED SINCE THE BEGINNING...
BAKU WILL WIN!

WILL HIS FOOT BE NUMB IN THIS MODE?
I WONDER IF HE CAN BE KILLED LIKE THIS.
HOW DARE YOU DO NG THIS TO YOUR COMRADE ...
.....
GET RID OF THE TRASH FIRST.
RODE- MU, THEY'RE THE MAIN DISH
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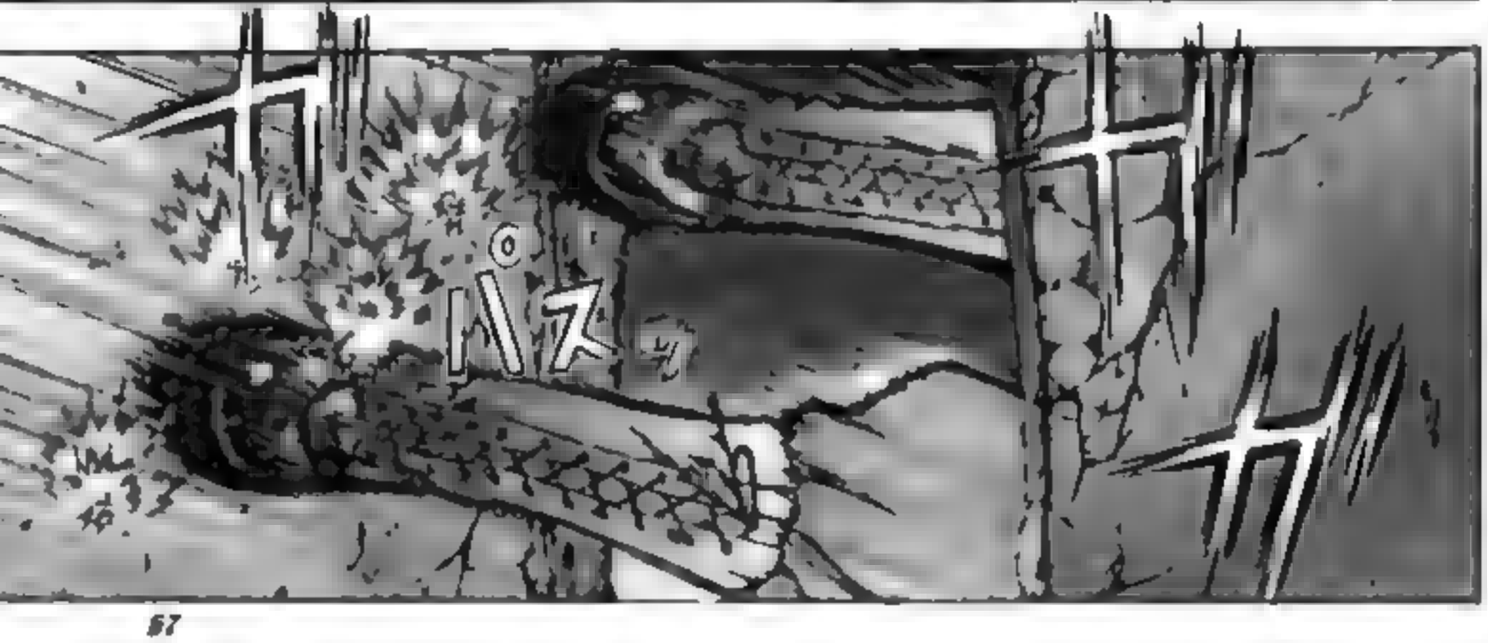
!?
EITHER WAY, IT'S HARD TO ESCAPE IF I DON'T KILL HIM.
THERE'S NOTHING ELSE I CAN DO NOW
DIE! YOU MON- STER!!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I CAN KILL HIM!
IF IT GOES LIKE THIS...
TSH, HE MOVED BEFORE ME, BUT I'M SURE I HIT HIM. IT DOESN'T MATTER WHAT KIND OF MONSTER HE IS... HE CAN'T MATCH A SUBMACHINE GUN.

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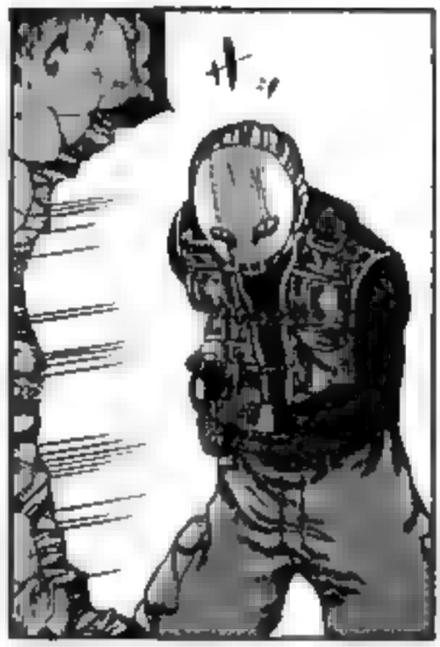

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WHERE DID
THAT JERK
GO...?
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GONE... WHERE DID HE HIDE?
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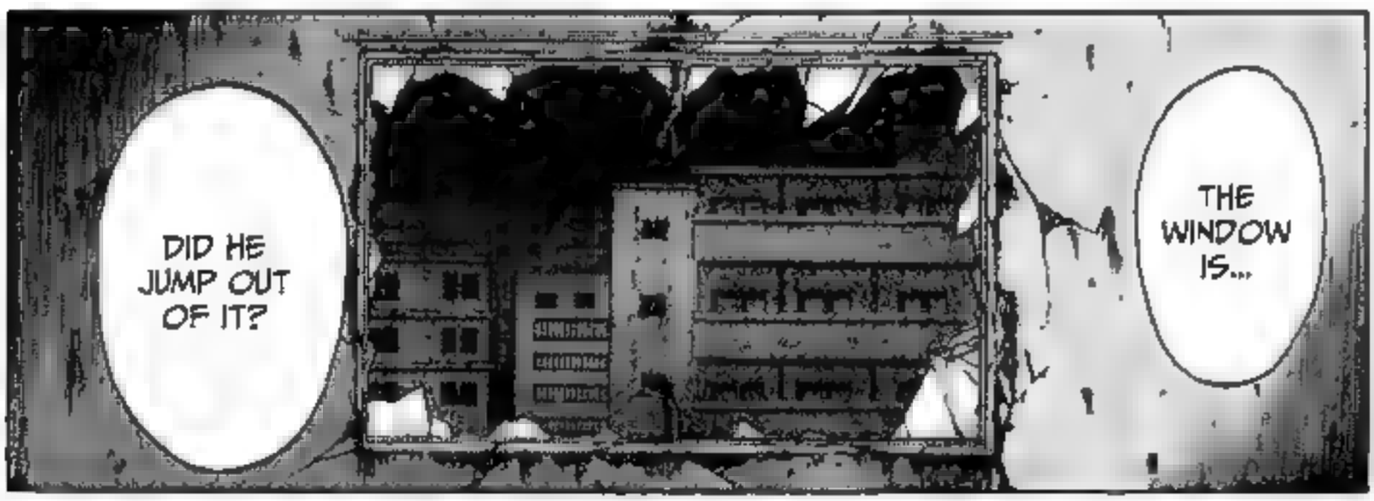
DID HE JUMP OUT OF IT?
THE WINDOW IS...

SHOULD I CONSIDER FLEEING AT THIS POINT?
THINKING ABOUT IT... I'VE NEVER SEEN MORE DANGEROUS EYES THAN HIS.

THAT'S WHY YOU'RE TRASH...

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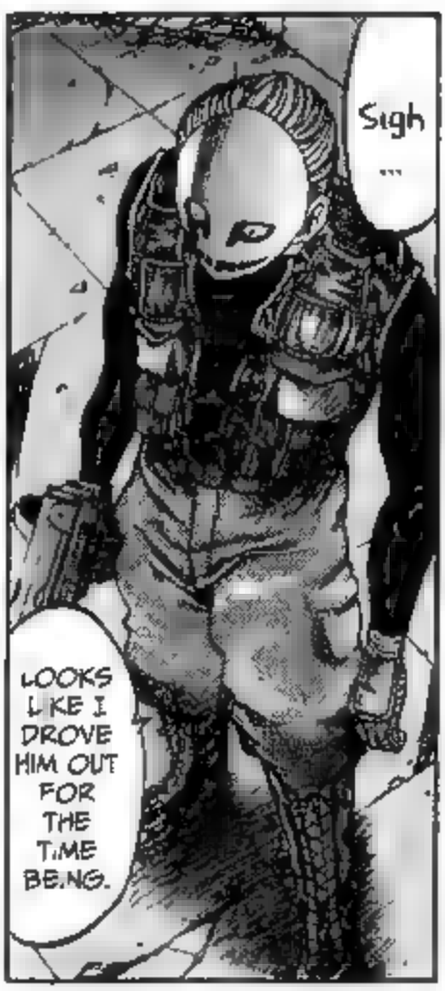
Sigh ...
LOOKS LIKE I DROVE HIM OUT FOR THE TIME BEING.

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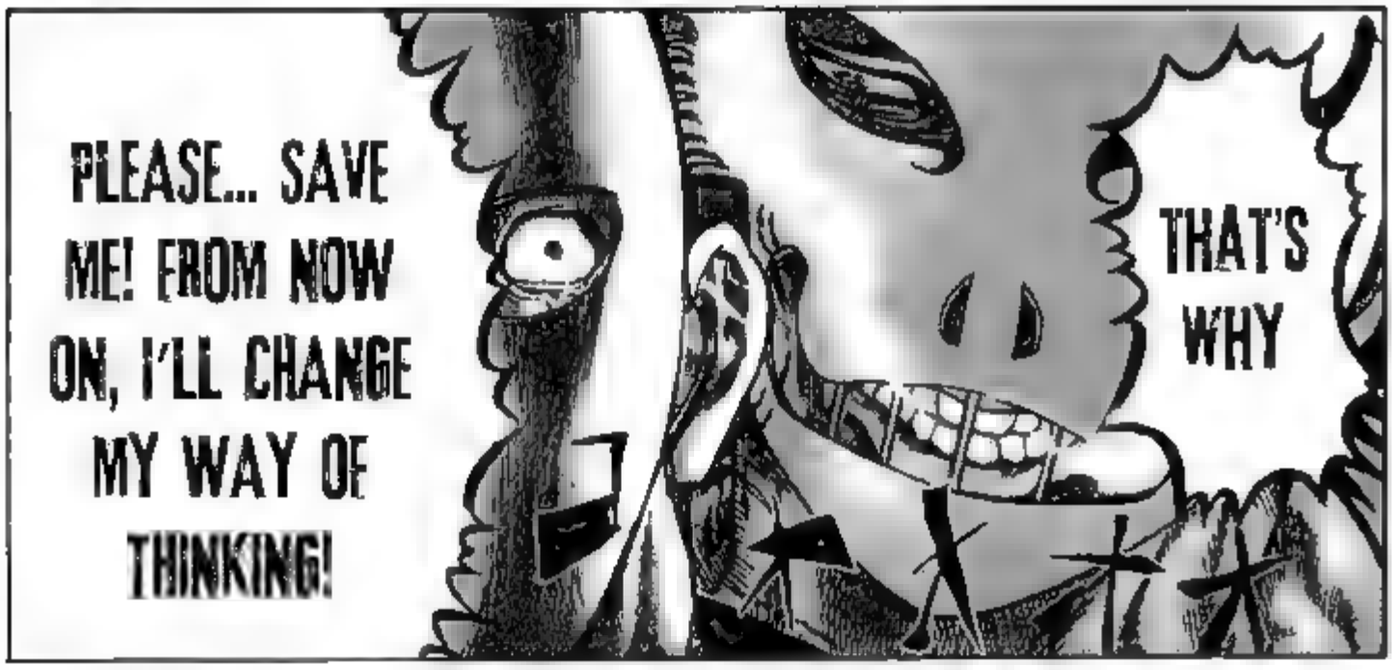
JUST BY SENSING A LITTLE DANGER YOU GET TOTALLY DEFENSIVE.

FAR SURPASSING BITTERNESS... AND THE HELLFIRE THAT BURNS YOUR BODY... BY BEARING THAT WOUNDS AND BY OBTAINING THINGS...
YOU WONT ENJOY "LIFE" BY DOING SO...

YOU WILL START YOUR NEW LIFE.
BY REGRET-TING THE LIFE YOU LIVED UP UNTIL NOW...
THAT ...IS LIFE!

AWW... SHIT!
BANG
BANG
HE...
I SHOT 32 BULLETS.
EXCELLENT, RODEMU. DID HE COUNT PROPERLY?
BESIDES... WHO DO YOU THINK YOU ARE COMPARED TO RODEMU? ALL YOU DID WAS FIRING BLINDLY IN A CLUMSY WAY.
AT LEAST COUNT THE NUMBER OF BULLETS YOU SHOOT PROPERLY, THAT'S ONE OF THE BASICS.
KO... KOKONOE-SAN
I'M REGRET-TING IT NOW...
FROM NOW ON... I'LL BE A NEW MAN...


PLEASE... SAVE ME! FROM NOW ON, I'LL CHANGE MY WAY OF THINKING!
THAT'S WHY

GET THAT BUCKET OVER THERE!

HA HA! IS THAT SO?
IT IS OKAY AS LONG AS YOU REGRET...
WELL THEN... THE FIRST THING TO DEAL WITH IS YOUR GUILT.
DO SOMETHING ABOUT THIS MESS YOU CREATED IN A FLASHY WAY.

OVERFLOW? WHAT WILL OVERFLOW?

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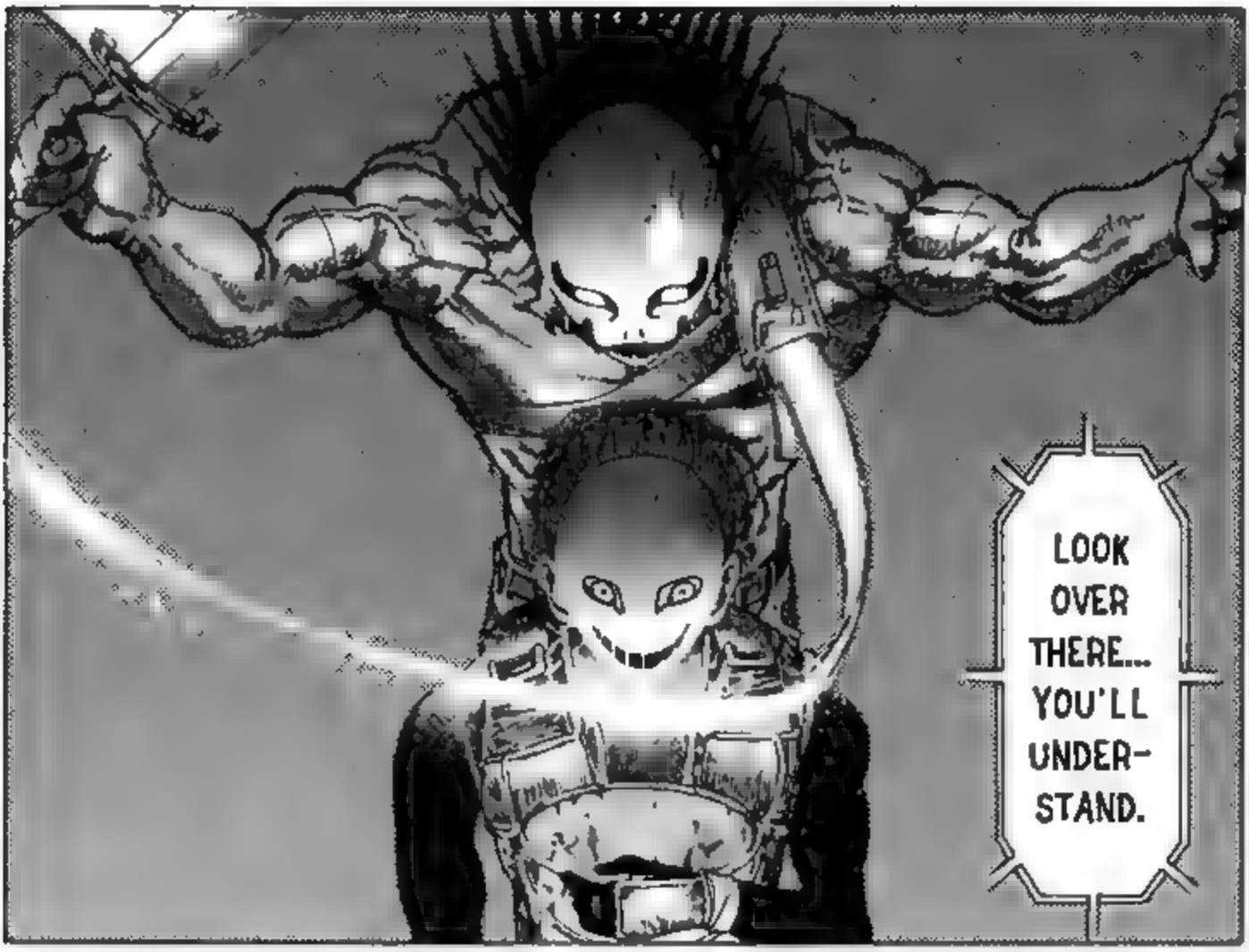
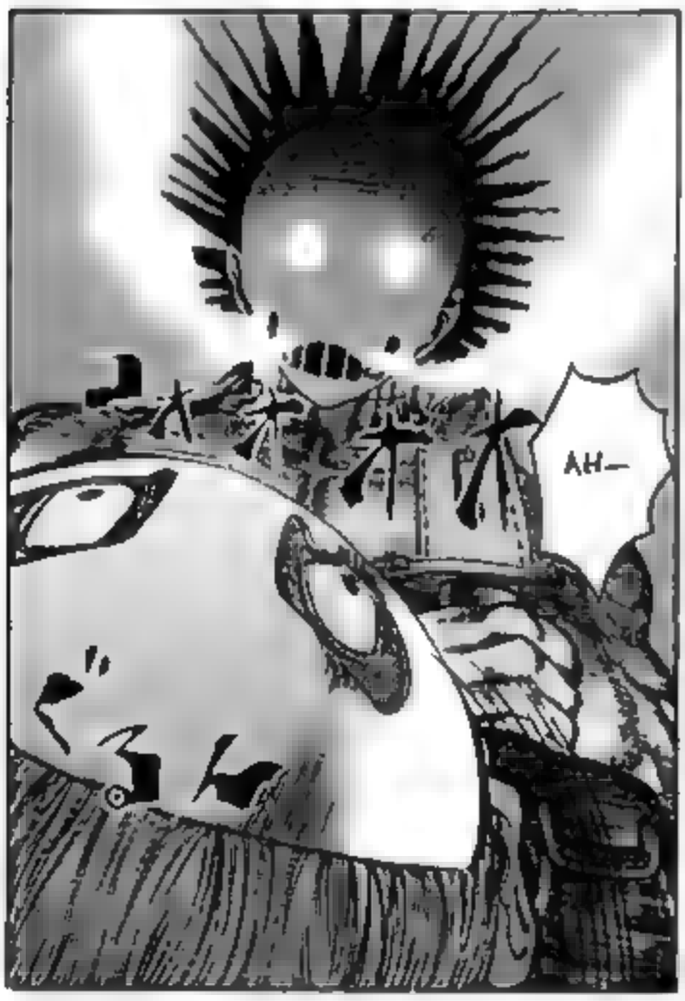
WRONG! NOT THAT ONE!
NOW STUFF THE HOLE WITH YOUR FINGERS. I WONDER IF IT WILL OVERFLOW THAT WAY...


LOOK OVER THERE... YOU'LL UNDER-STAND.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W-What?
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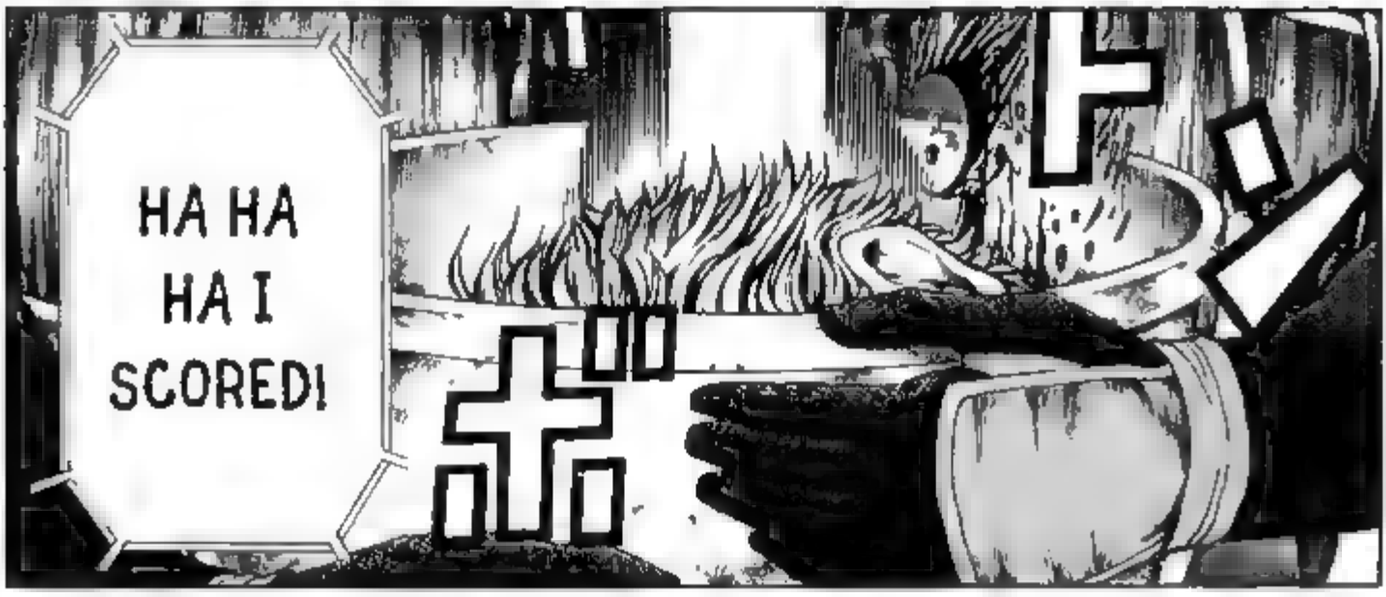
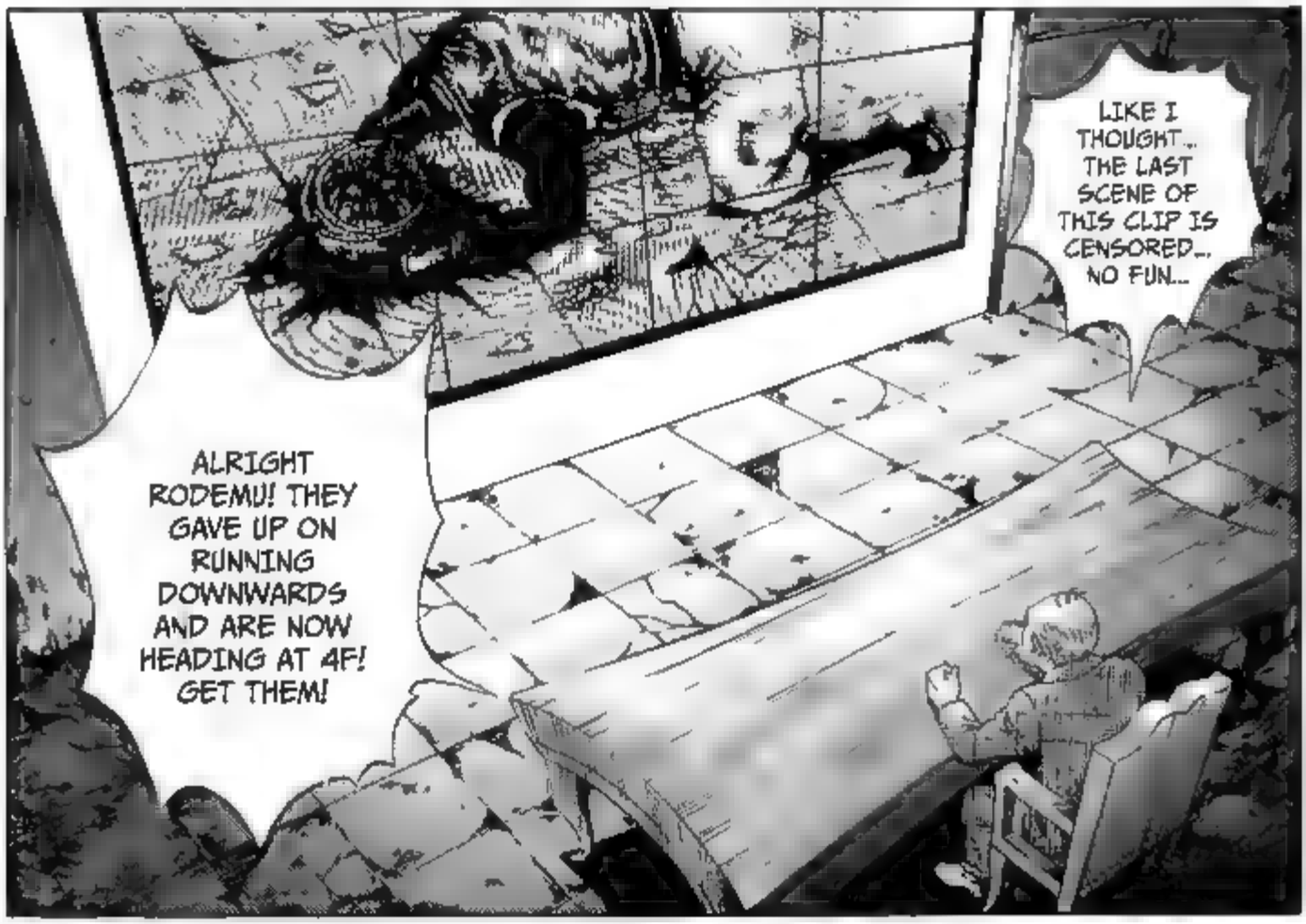
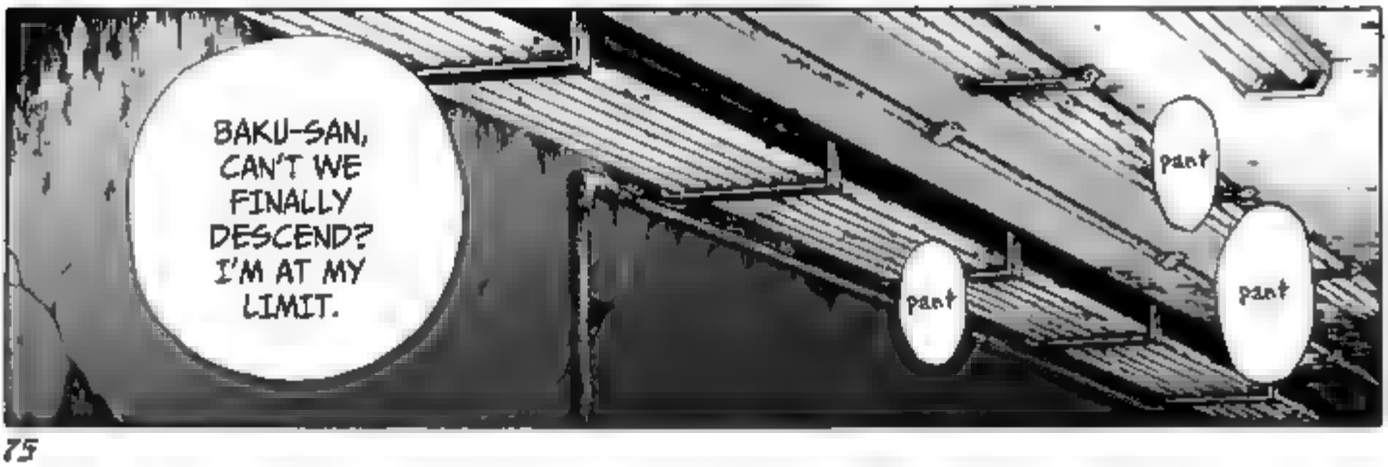

HA HA HA I SCORED!


ALRIGHT RODEMU! THEY GAVE UP ON RUNNING DOWNWARDS AND ARE NOW HEADING AT 4F! GET THEM!
LIKE I THOUGHT.. THE LAST SCENE OF THIS CLIP IS CENSORED... NO FUN...


BAKU-SAN, CAN'T WE FINALLY DESCEND? I'M AT MY LIMIT.
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KAJI-CHAN. IT'S OKAY TO ESCAPE, BUT WOULDN'T THAT BE... BORING? DON'T YOU WANT TO SEE...
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HE IS REALLY AWFUL. WE SHOULD ESCAPE AS SOON AS WE CAN.
THAT OLD MAN'S REMORSE FOR HUMAN LIFE
AND HIS FACE FILLED WITH REGRET!

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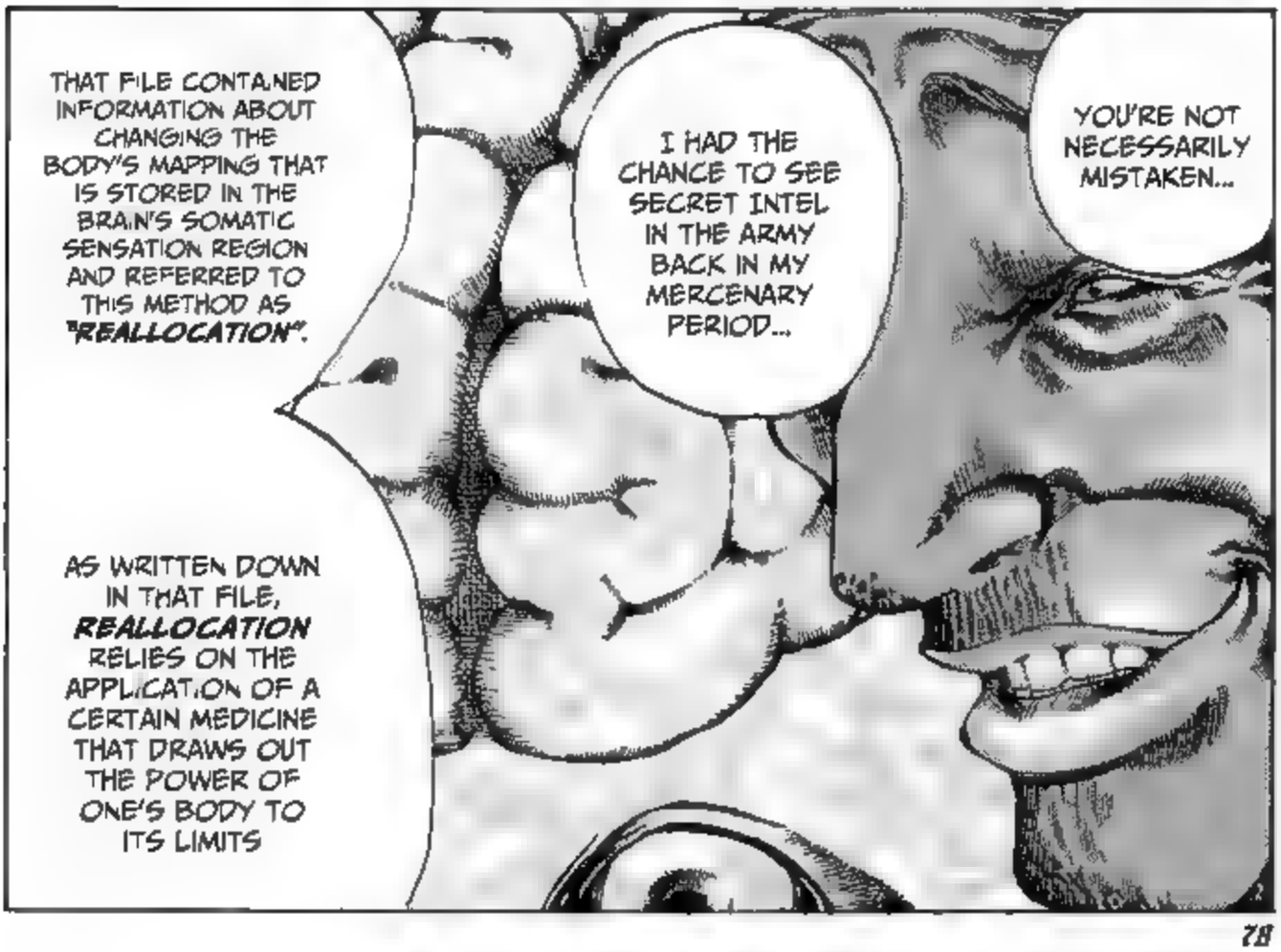
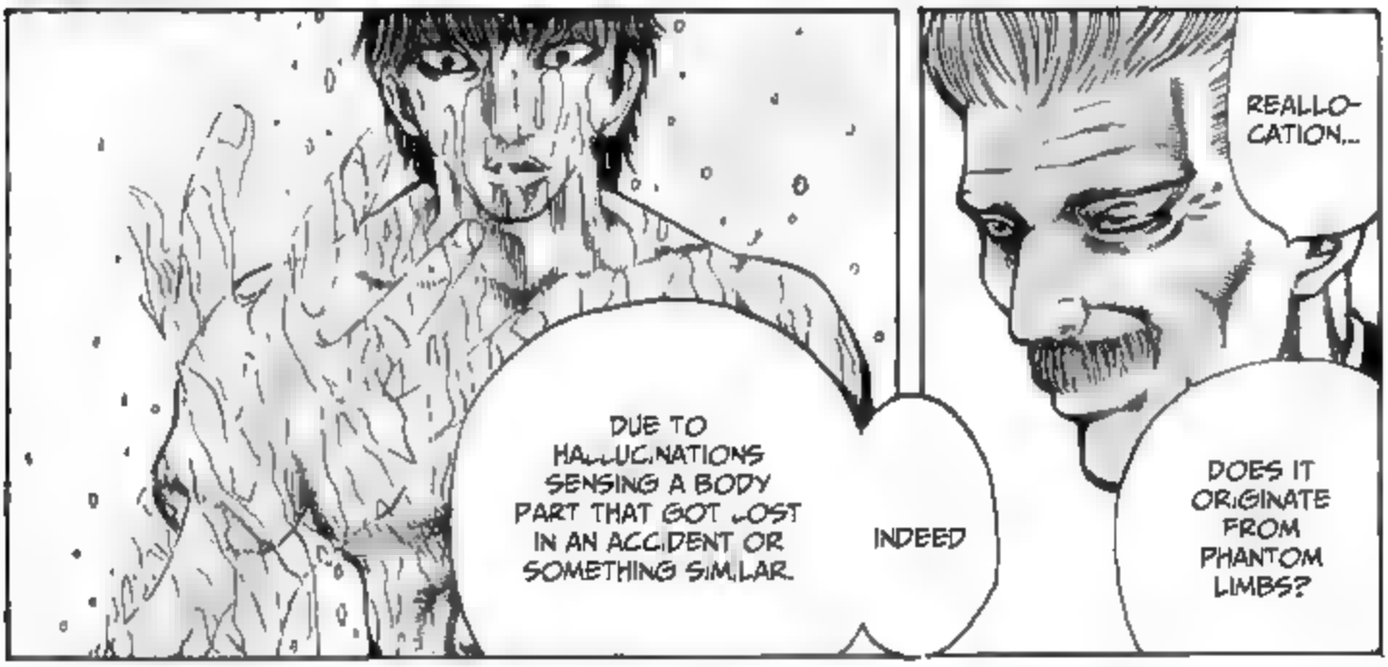
CHAPTER 14 PASSING BY THE BUILDING

WHAT AN INCREDIBLE POWER...

SO, HE IS THE KOKONOE BUILDING'S RUMORED EVIL WARRIOR RODEMJ.
THE SPECIAL WEAPON KOKONOE-SAMA USES AT THE END
HA-HA! BY REGARDING RODEMJ AS A WEAPON.


YOU'RE NOT NECESSARILY MISTAKEN...
I HAD THE CHANCE TO SEE SECRET INTEL IN THE ARMY BACK IN MY MERCENARY PERIOD...
THAT FILE CONTAINED INFORMATION ABOUT CHANGING THE BODY'S MAPPING THAT IS STORED IN THE BRAIN'S SOMATIC SENSATION REGION AND REFERRED TO THIS METHOD AS "REALLOCATION".
AS WRITTEN DOWN IN THAT FILE, REALLOCATION RELIES ON THE APPLICATION OF A CERTAIN MEDICINE THAT DRAWS OUT THE POWER OF ONE'S BODY TO ITS LIMITS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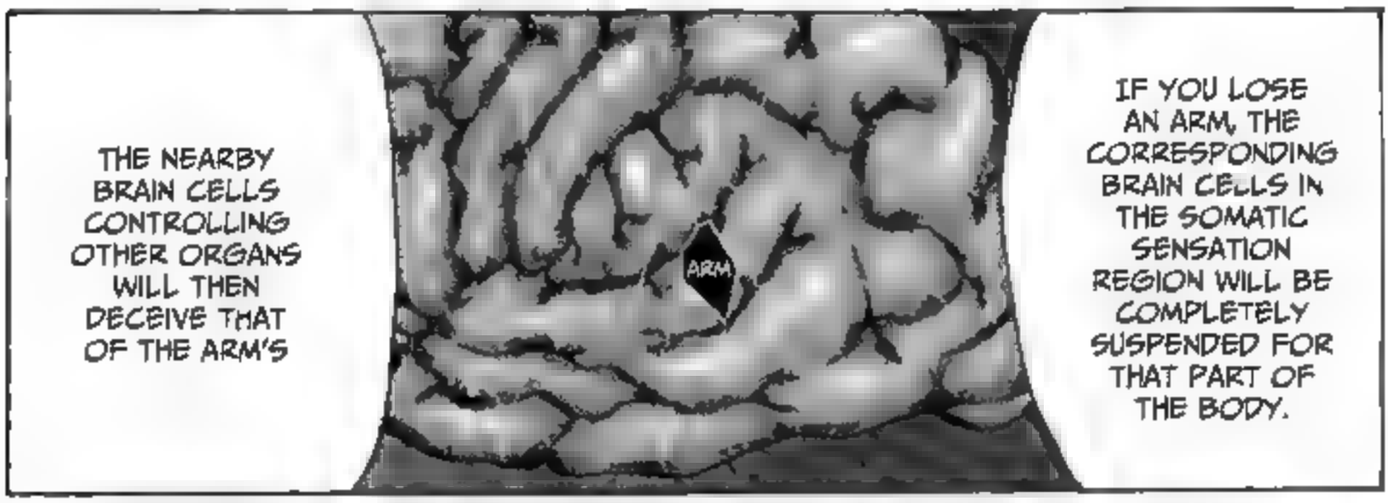
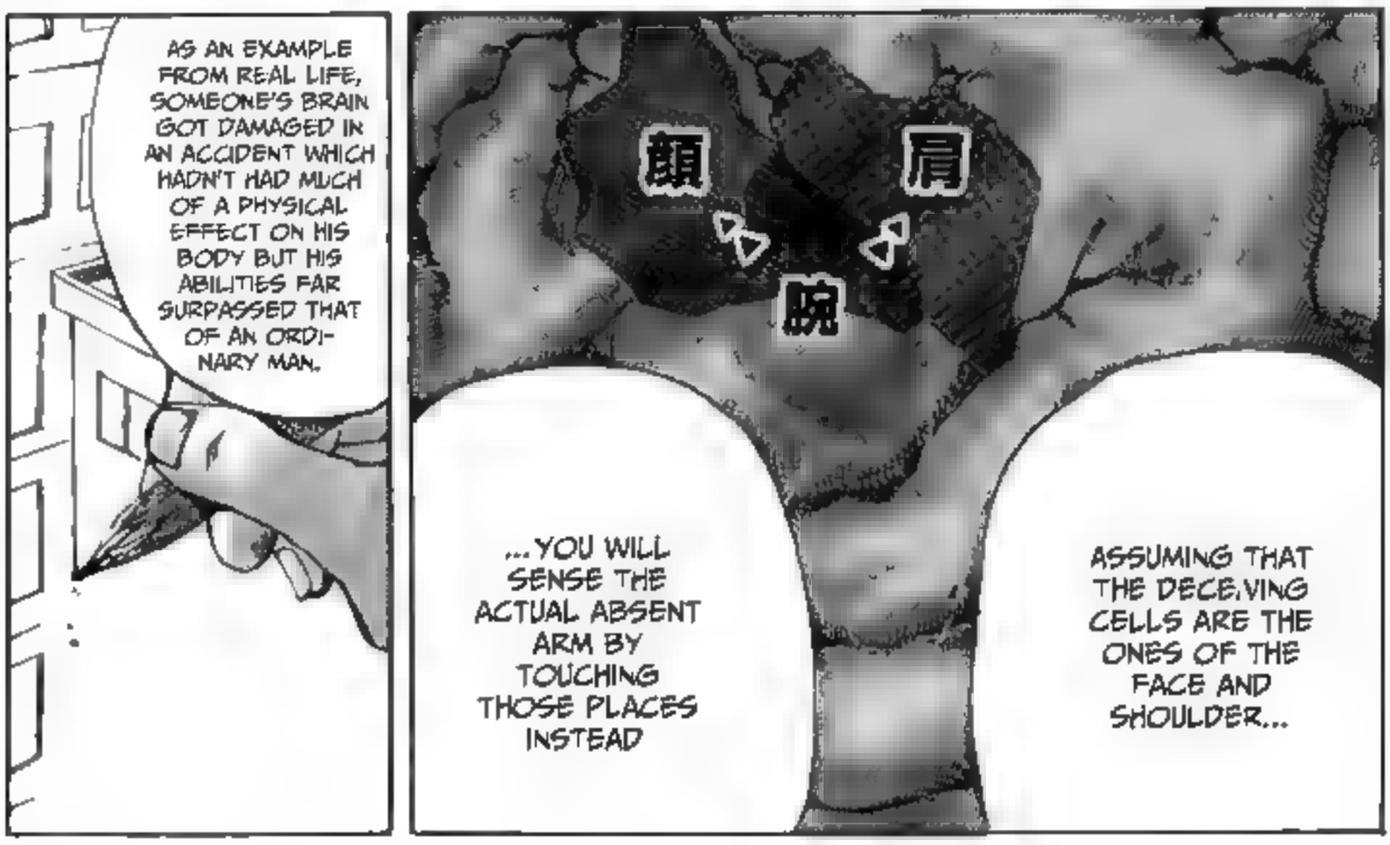
CATION...
DOES IT ORIGINATE FROM PHANTOM LIMBS?
INDEED
DUE TO HALLUCINATIONS SENSING A BODY PART THAT GOT LOST IN AN ACCIDENT OR SOMETHING SIMILAR.


THE NEARBY BRAIN CELLS CONTROLLING OTHER ORGANS WILL THEN DECEIVE THAT OF THE ARM'S
ARM
IF YOU LOSE AN ARM, THE CORRESPONDING BRAIN CELLS IN THE SOMATIC SENSATION REGION WILL BE COMPLETELY SUSPENDED FOR THAT PART OF THE BODY.


AS AN EXAMPLE FROM REAL LIFE, SOMEONE'S BRAIN GOT DAMAGED IN AN ACCIDENT WHICH HADN'T HAD MUCH OF A PHYSICAL EFFECT ON HIS BODY BUT HIS ABILITIES FAR SURPASSED THAT OF AN ORDINARY MAN.
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...YOU WILL SENSE THE ACTUAL ABSENT ARM BY TOUCHING THOSE PLACES INSTEAD
ASSUMING THAT THE DECEIVING CELLS ARE THE ONES OF THE FACE AND SHOULDER...

IN RETURN, BRAIN CELLS THAT ARE CONTROLLING MEMORY HAVE ENLARGED TREMENDOUSLY RESULTING IN A WONDERFUL MEMORY
AS A CONSEQUENCE OF THE DAMAGE, THE BRAIN CELLS THAT WERE CLOSE TO THE MEMORY CONTROL, STOPPED FUNCTIONING.

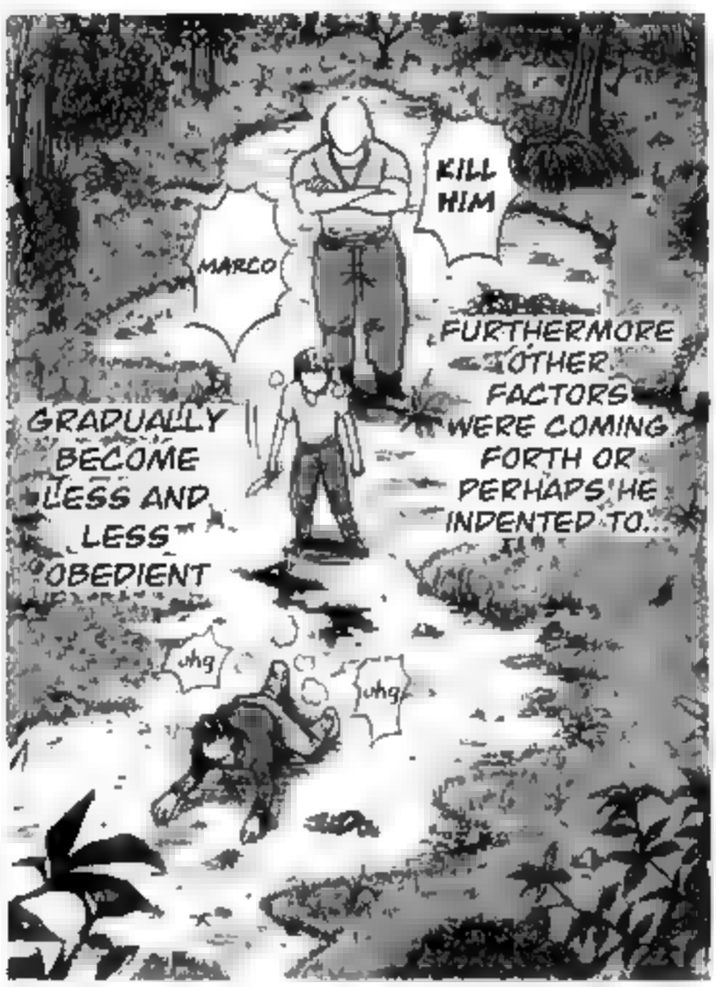
...BUT POWER THAT WAS OUTDOING ANY OTHER QUALITIES.
BUT IN THE ARMY'S EXPERIMENTS THE AMPLIFIED ABILITY HASN'T BEEN THE MEMORY...

BY USING MEDICINE CONTAINING D.HYDROXYL PHENYL SERINE, LEADS TO FORCING THE *REALLOCATION.*
ARTIFICIALLY INTERRUPTING THE BRAIN CELLS CLOSE TO THE REFLEX AND ABILITY CONTROLLERS ...
THIS WAS THE WHOLE ASPECT OF THE SOLDIER STRENGTHENING PROGRAM.

WRONG!

AND IT HAS BEEN CONDUCTED ON THE MAN CALLED RODEMU RIGHT?

IT WAS MARCO... MY SON.
TO BE PRECISE...


KILL HIM
MARCO
FURTHERMORE OTHER FACTORS WERE COMING FORTH OR PERHAPS HE INDENTED TO...
GRADUALLY BECOME LESS AND LESS OBEDIENT
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IT'S OBVIOUS THAT HIS POWER INCREASED DUE TO THE EXPERIMENT
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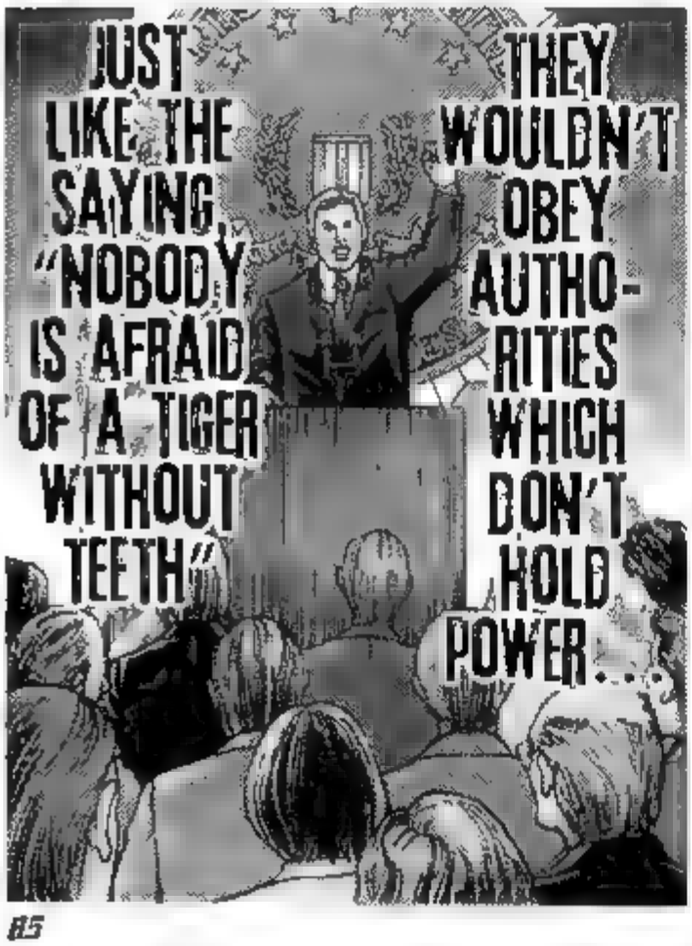
...HE KEPT LOSING HIS INTELLIGE-NCE AND MANNERS.
WHAT ARE YOU DOING?
BUT IN RETURN ...

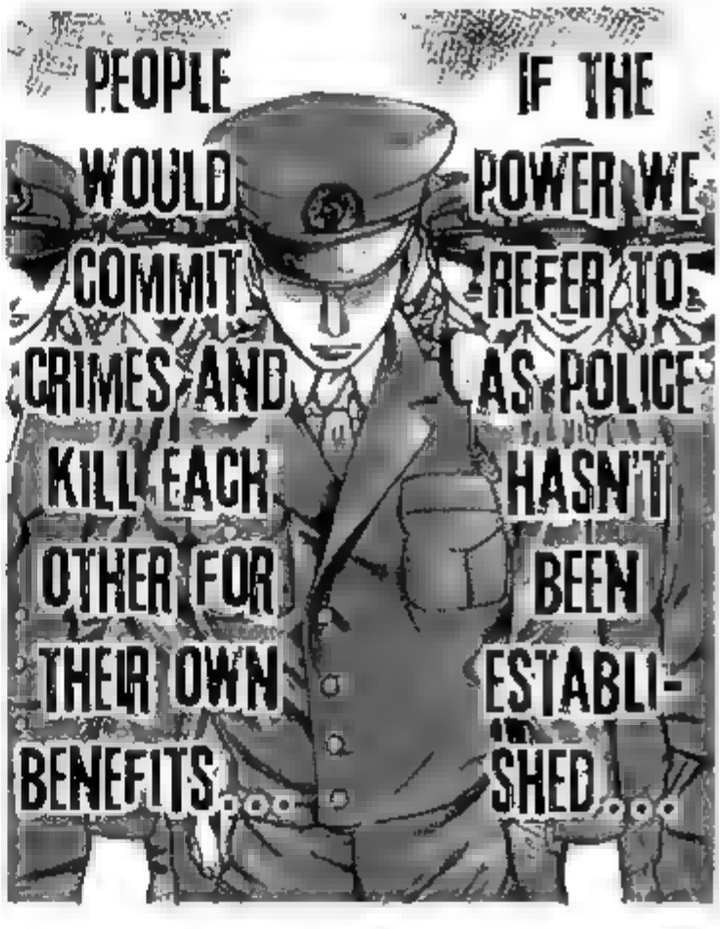
OR IF IT HAS BEEN THE EXPERIMENT'S SIDE EFFECTS SHOWING UP... EITHER WAY...
THEN THAT DAY ARRIVED... I DON'T KNOW IF IT WAS DUE TO HIS EXCESSIVE STRESS THAT PILED UP THAT DAY
SOMETHING GLARED AT ME STRANGELY.
WHILE I WAS READY TO INJECT THE MEDICINE,
AND
THAT I HAVE BEEN LONGING FOR
THAT WAS THE BIRTH OF THE EVIL RODEMU...

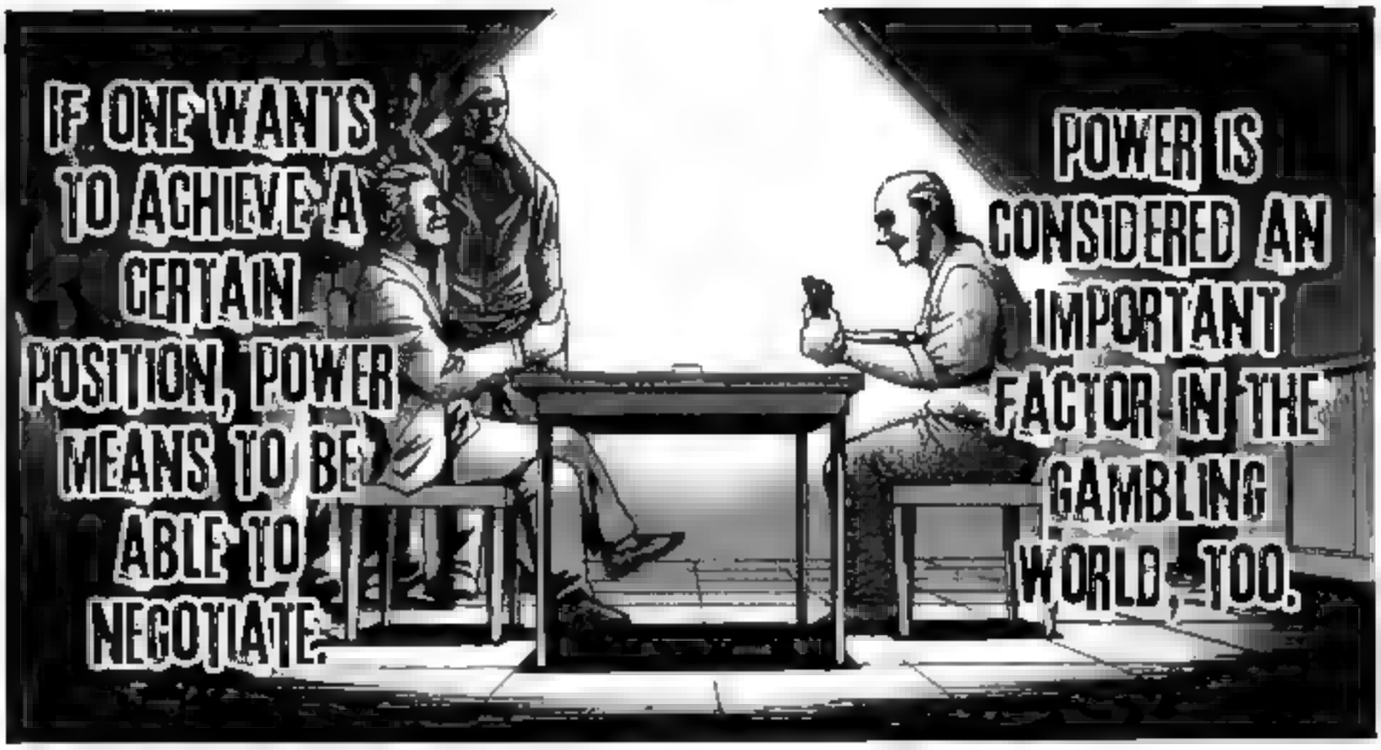
SO THIS IS THE TRUE ORIGIN OF THAT ROMPY POWER...
I SEE...
TWO PERSONALITIES ON A SINGLE BODY ARE QUITE EFFECTIVE IN TERMS OF BRAIN REALLOCATION
BUT THIS MAN IS A HERETIC.
NEITHER A MAN OF THE SEA NOR A MAN FROM THE MOUNTAINS WOULD MAKE HIS OWN SON ENDURE AN UNKNOWN EXPERIMENT
AND HIS POWER REMAINS STABLE.
EVEN SO, HE IS THIS AREA'S AUTHORITY...

かつて賭郎メンバーを
喰い散らかした嘘喰いも
勝利を重ねる程に
巨大な暴力を
従えるようになっていた
BUT USOGUI, WHO ONCE TASTED
KAKEROU'S MEMBERSHIP...
BECAME A MAN WHO CAN SUBDUE HUGE SCALES OF
POWER, THANKS TO HIS VICTORIES BACK THEN...

POWER IS LIFE'S FUNDAMENT

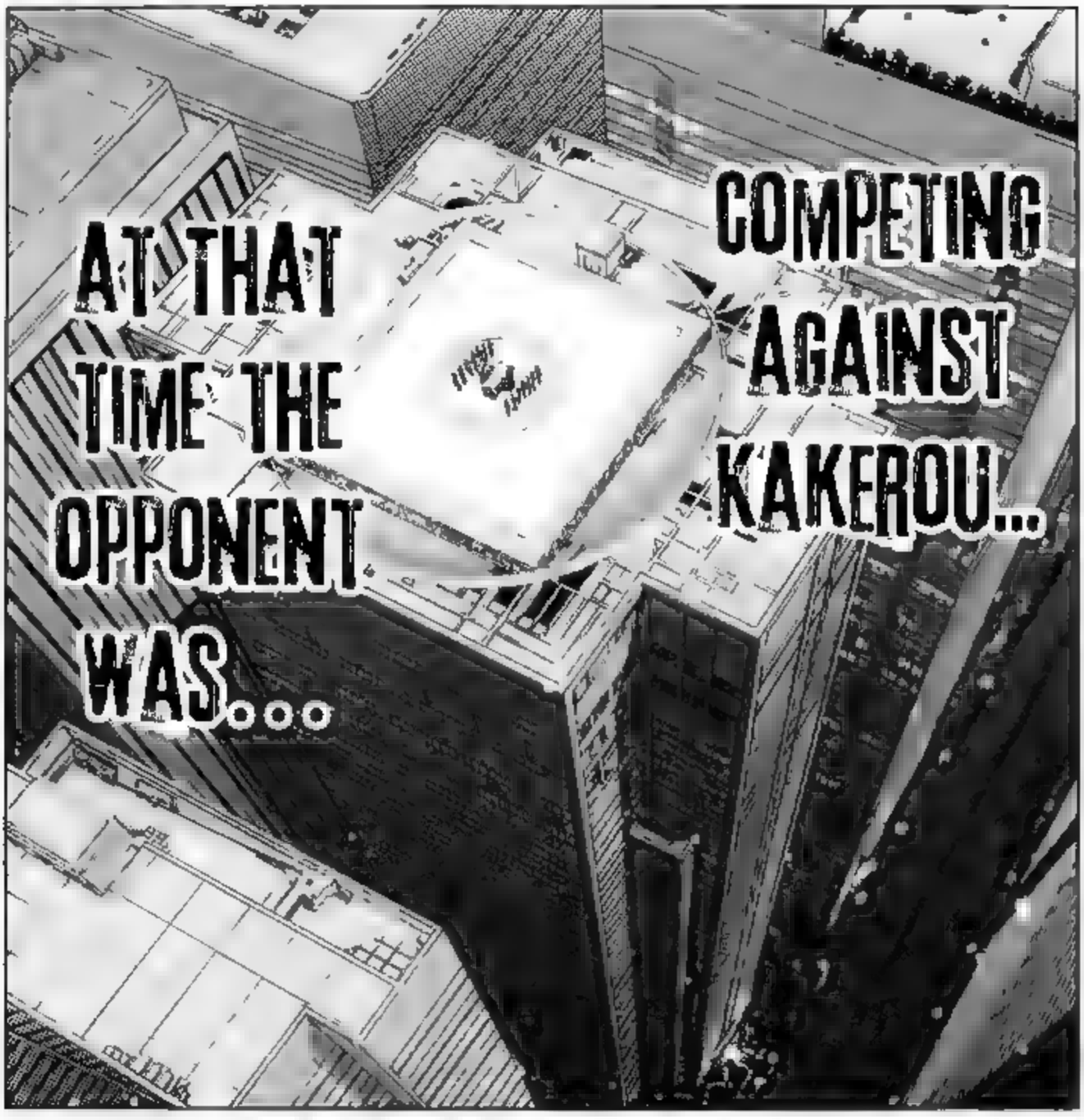



PEOPLE WOULD COMMIT CRIMES AND KILL EACH OTHER FOR THEIR OWN BENEFITS...
IF THE POWER WE REFER TO AS POLICE HASN'T BEEN ESTABLI-SHED...


IF ONE WANTS TO ACHIEVE A CERTAIN POSITION, POWER MEANS TO BE ABLE TO NEGOTIATE.
POWER IS CONSIDERED AN IMPORTANT FACTOR IN THE GAMBLING WORLD, TOO.

THE EASIER THE STRONGER SIDE FORGETS ABOUT PROMISES AND LOSES ITS SPORTSMANSHIP. ONCE THIS SIDE MEETS DEFEAT
AND THE BIGGER THE STAKES ARE...

AND RUSHED INTO THE GAME CALLED "PASSING BY THE BUILDING".
ONCE, USOGUI ARMED HIMSELF WITH RAGE,
THIS IS THE NATURAL PROCESS IN THIS WORLD...
THE WEAK WINNER WILL BE PUT TO REST.


AT THAT TIME THE OPPONENT WAS...
COMPETING AGAINST KAKEROU...

THE 21'ST ROYAL LEADER OF KAKEROU: KIRUMA SHOUICHI
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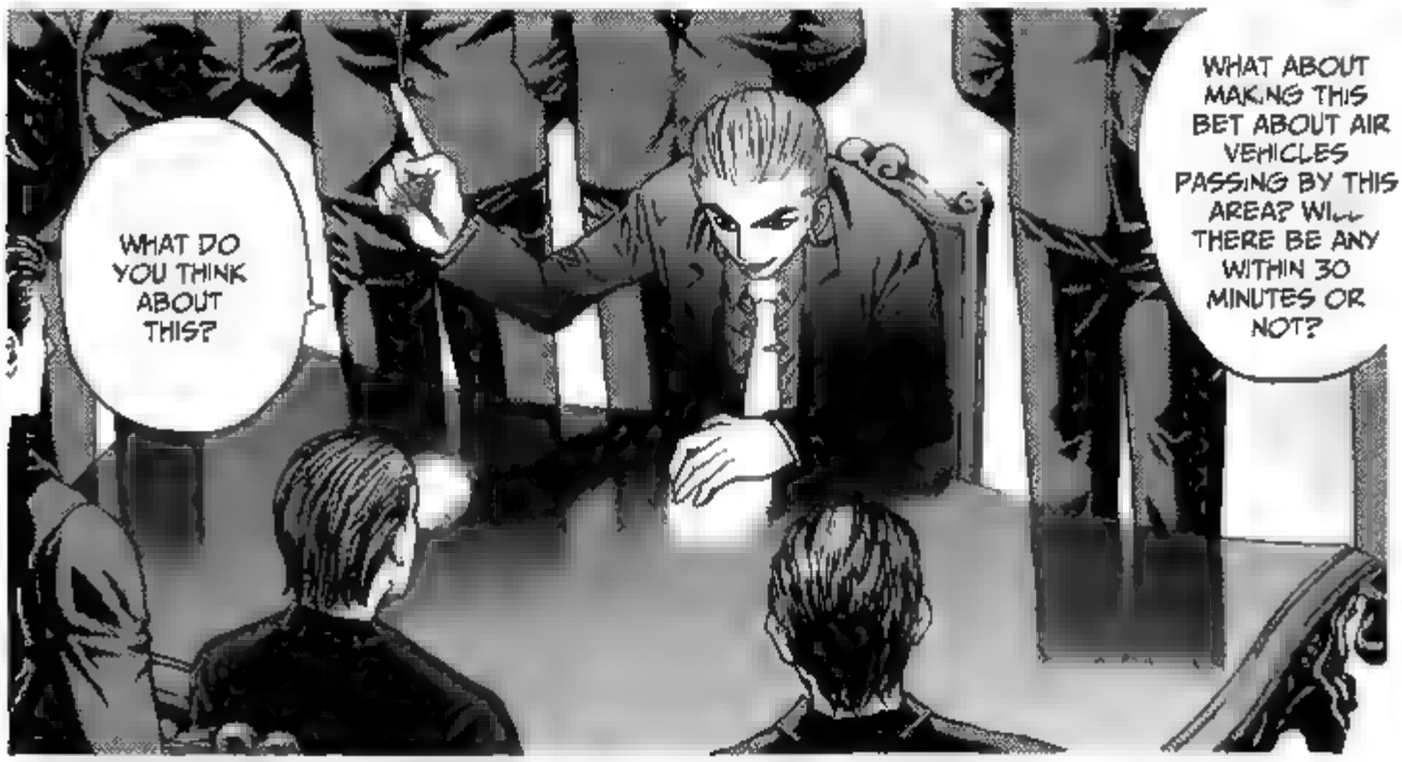
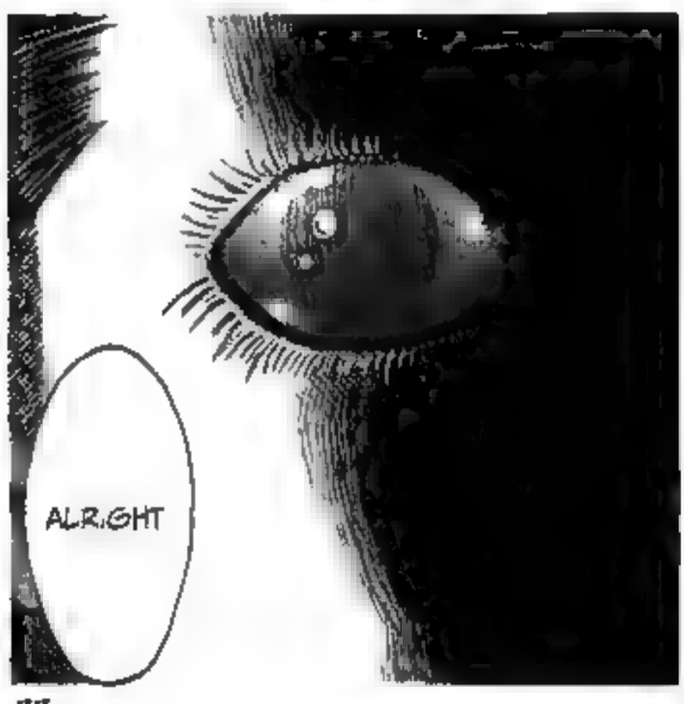
NICE TO MEET YOU... HMM...
SO... YOU ARE BAKU-KUN.

I'VE GOT
ALL...
EVERY-THING
I KNOW IT'S INCONVE-NIENT TO ASK, BUT WHAT ARE YOU BETTING ON?
ALLRIGHT!
.....
IT WAS SURE THAT "EVERYTHING" INCLUDED HIS LIFE.
THE ROYAL LEADER'S BET WAS HIS POSITION. SUCH A BET IS A TRADITION WITHIN KAKEROU, BUT SINCE ITS ESTABLISHMENT, THERE HASN'T BEEN ANY RECORD OF ANYONE TAKING SUCH A POSITION BY WINNING THE BET.
SO, WHAT SHOULD WE DO, TO HAVE SOME FUN?

TONIGHT'S SKY IS BEAUTIFUL.
LET ME THINK...


WHAT DO YOU THINK ABOUT THIS?
WHAT ABOUT MAKING THIS BET ABOUT AIR VEHICLES PASSING BY THIS AREA? Will THERE BE ANY WITHIN 30 MINUTES OR NOT?


ALRIGHT

GOOD. SO, WHAT IS YOUR BET?
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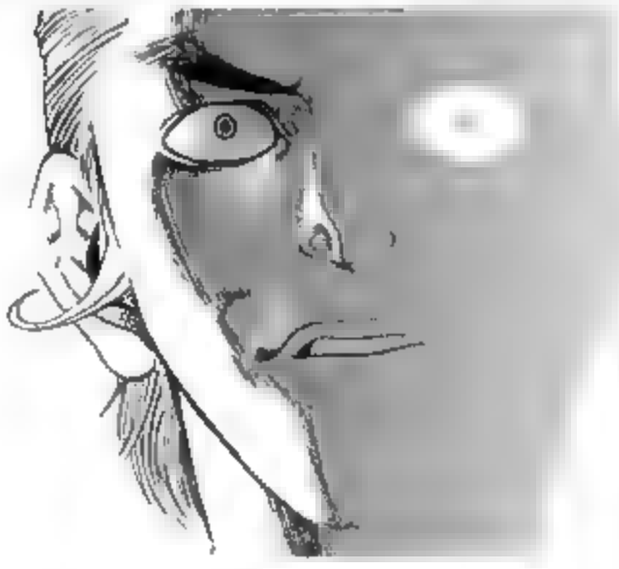
I BET THAT THERE WILL BE SOME WITHIN 30 MINUTES.
.....

SINCE HE MADE PREPARATIONS IN ORDER TO BE CAPABLE OF HANDLING UNPREDICTABLE CIRCUMSTANCES.
USOGUI HAD A FIRM SELF CONFI-DENCE

NOT EVEN A SINGLE ONE WAS SEEN.
EVEN THOUGH 30 MINUTES HAVE PASSED, NO AIR VEHICLES DISTURBED THE SILENCE OF THAT NIGHT'S SKY...


BUT THE CONTEST ENDED WITHOUT EVEN ENGAGING THIS PLAN, WHICH CAN BE DEFINED AS FLAWLESS.
USOGUI HAD ARRANGED AROUND 100 AIR VEHICLES, TAKING OFF FROM VARIOUS POINTS.

YOU ARE...
BORING
LIKE A PRO SWIMMER WHO DROWNS IN A RIVER.
IF IT WAS SOMETHING LIKE POKER YOU MIGHT HAVE WON EASILY...

BECAUSE BACK THEN THE ROYAL LEADER GATHERED HIS PRIVATE ARMY BEFOREHAND. IN OTHER WORDS...
AT THAT TIME USOGUI'S AMMUNITION (THE PLANES) DIDN'T APPEAR...

IF I FEEL LIKE IT...
THOSE AIR VEHICLES NEVER SHOWED UP.
OR WHEN I FEEL LIKE IT... I WILL COME TO TAKE...
YOUR LIFE...
BUT I MIGHT FORGET ABOUT YOU...
AND HOW BORING YOU ARE...
AND THEN... ALL THE MONEY AND POWER USOGUI HAD...
EVEN THE REASON FOR HIS EXISTENCE... DISAPPEARED.

LOSING EVERYTHING HE HAD, AND BEING RUINED... NONETHE-LESS WITNESSING THAT SAME USOGUI...
IN A PLACE WHERE THE BET IS SO LOW, LIKE HERE
GAMBLING WITH HIS LIFE, EVEN THOUGH HE HAS ALL THE QUALITIES TO BE A MEMBER... THAT'S SIMPLY BEYOND STUPIDITY.
WHAT'S THAT?
.....
EVERY-THING...
USOGUI... LOST EVERYTHING.
HE LOST EVERYTHING...

I... NO, EVEN THE ROYAL LEADER AND THE ENTIRE KAKEROU...
IF I GOT IT RIGHT...
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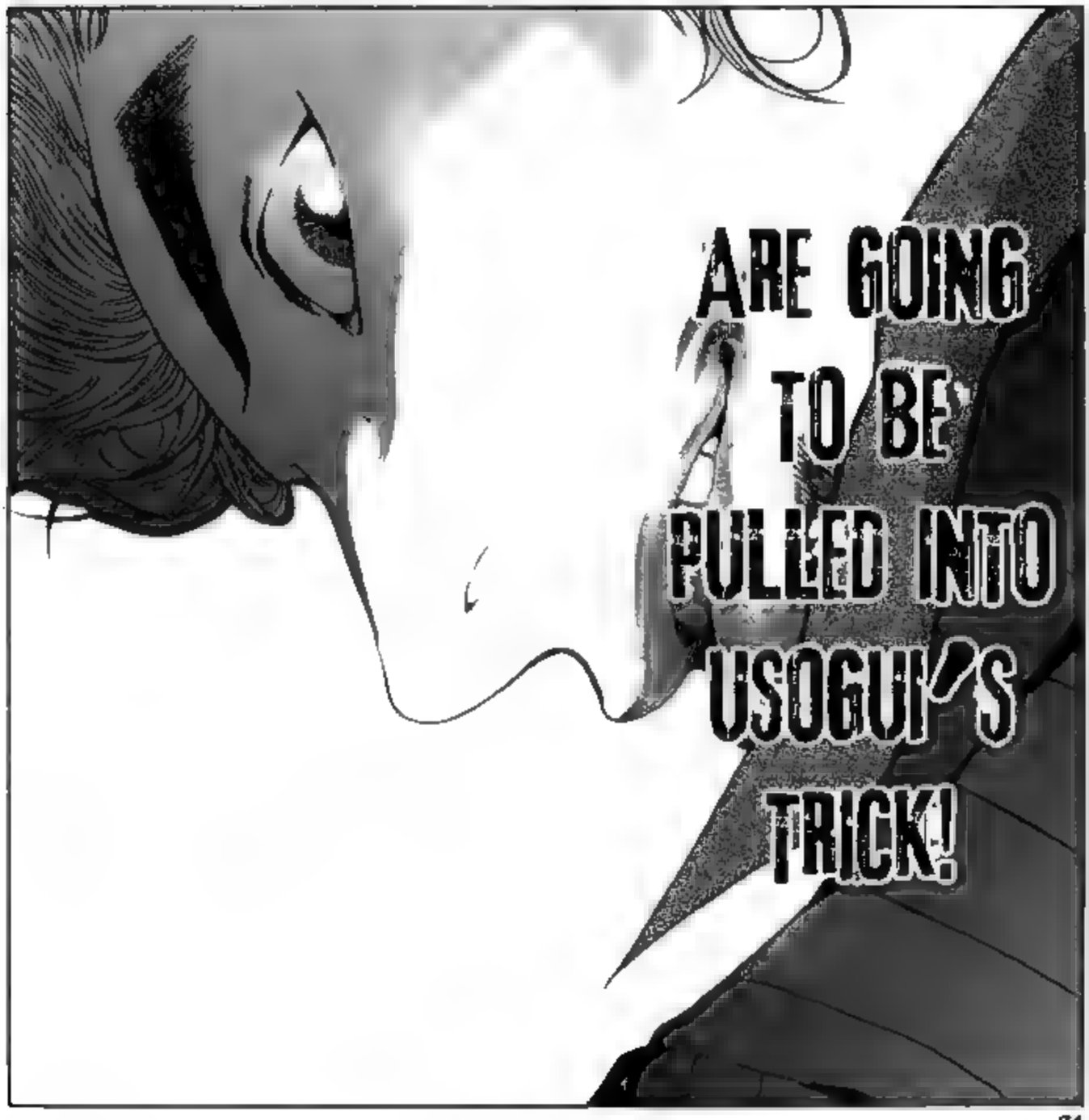
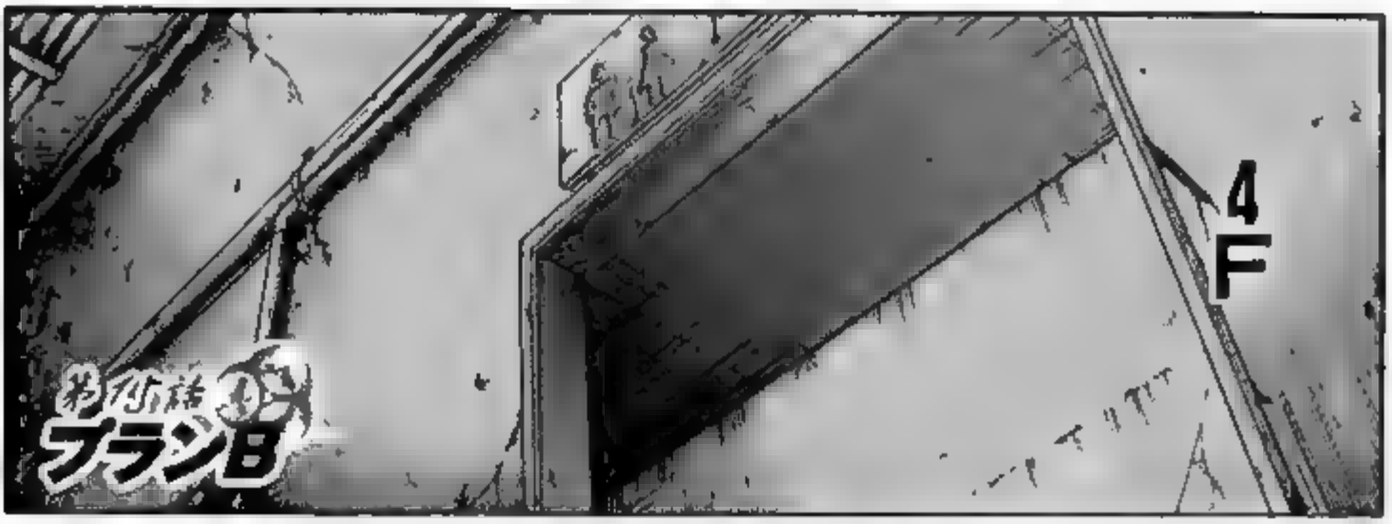
NO WAY!


ARE GOING TO BE PULLED INTO USOGUI'S TRICK!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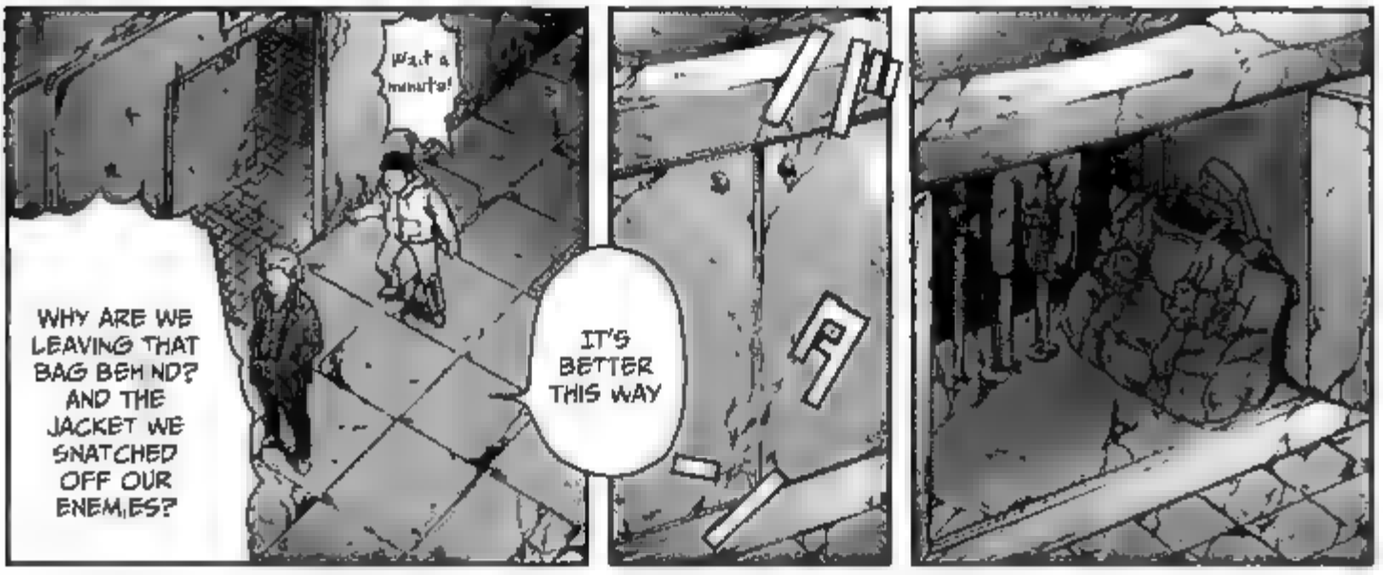
Wait a minute!
WHY ARE WE LEAVING THAT BAG BEHIND? AND THE JACKET WE SNATCHED OFF OUR ENEMIES?
IT'S BETTER THIS WAY
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WHILE WE MAKE THEM THINK THAT WE'RE ON THIS FLOOR...
HAS A TRANSMITTER ATTACHED TO IT THAT KEEPS THEM INFORMED ABOUT OUR LOCATION. IT LOOKS LIKE THE ONLY INFORMATION THEY CAN OBTAIN IS THE FLOOR WE'RE ON AND THAT'S WHAT WE'RE GOING TO USE AGAINST THEM.
EVEN THE CHANCES FOR THE BAG TO HAVE ONE MIGHT BE LOW, WE CAN'T BE SURE ABOUT IT. ALTHOUGH I BELIEVE THE JACKET...
THE OLD MAN KNOWS OUR EXACT LOCATION. IN OTHER WORDS...

WE ARE GOING TO BREAK INTO THE ROOM OF THAT LOSER OLD MAN.
ONLY THAT GEEZER YAKOU AND Q-TAROU ARE IN THAT ROOM, WHICH MEANS THAT THE MASKED GUY WILL BE KEPT ON THIS FLOOR.
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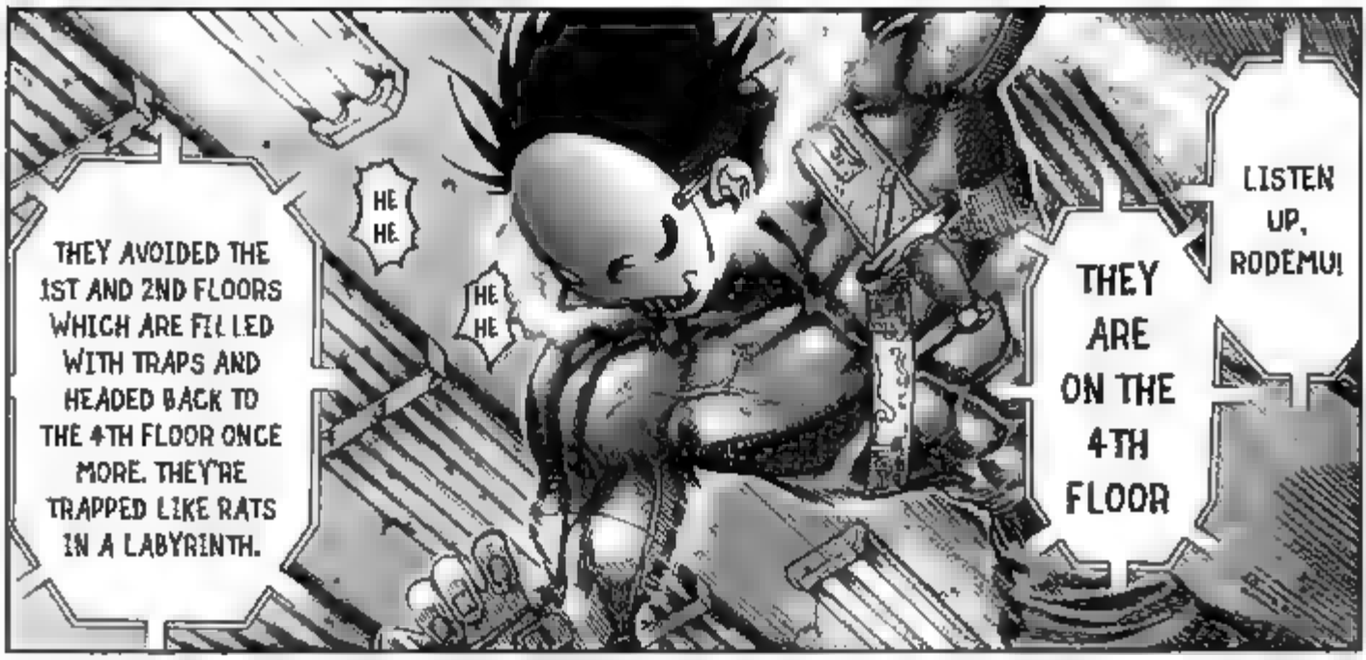
LISTEN UP, RODEMU!
THEY ARE ON THE 4TH FLOOR
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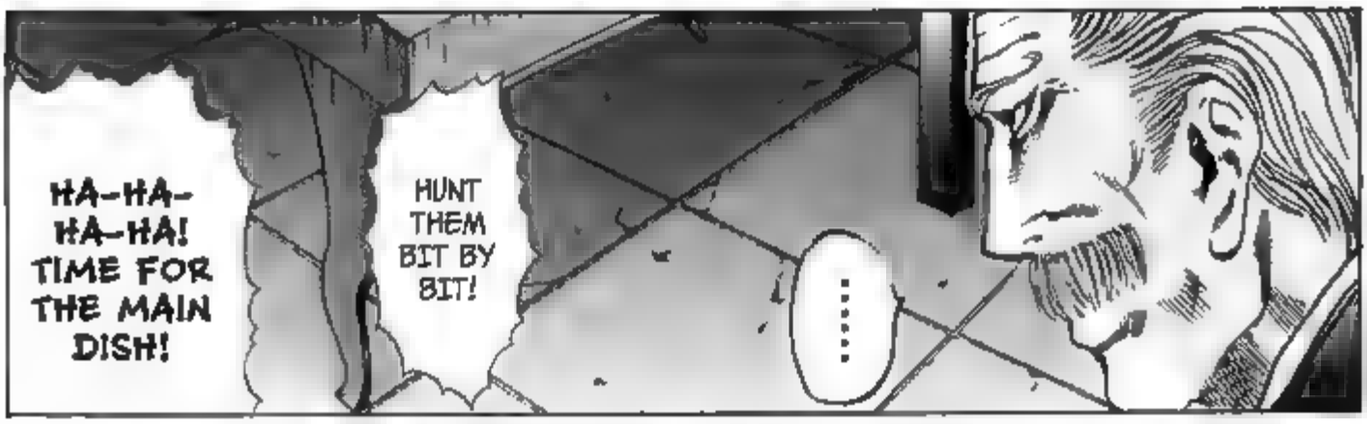
HE HE
THEY AVOIDED THE 1ST AND 2ND FLOORS WHICH ARE FILLED WITH TRAPS AND HEADED BACK TO THE 4TH FLOOR ONCE MORE. THEY'RE TRAPPED LIKE RATS IN A LABYRINTH.


HA-HA-HA-HA! TIME FOR THE MAIN DISH!
HUNT THEM BIT BY BIT!
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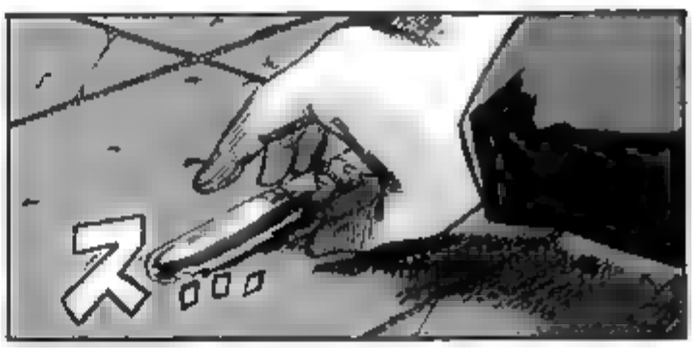
I JUST DROPPED MY PEN, SIR.
PLEASE DON'T MIND ME.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MY APOLOGIES.
WHAT ARE YOU DOING YAKOU-SAN?
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WHAT'S WRONG BAKU-SAN ?
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IF WE DON'T MOVE IMMEDIA-TELY WE'LL BE NOTICED BY THAT MONSTER.
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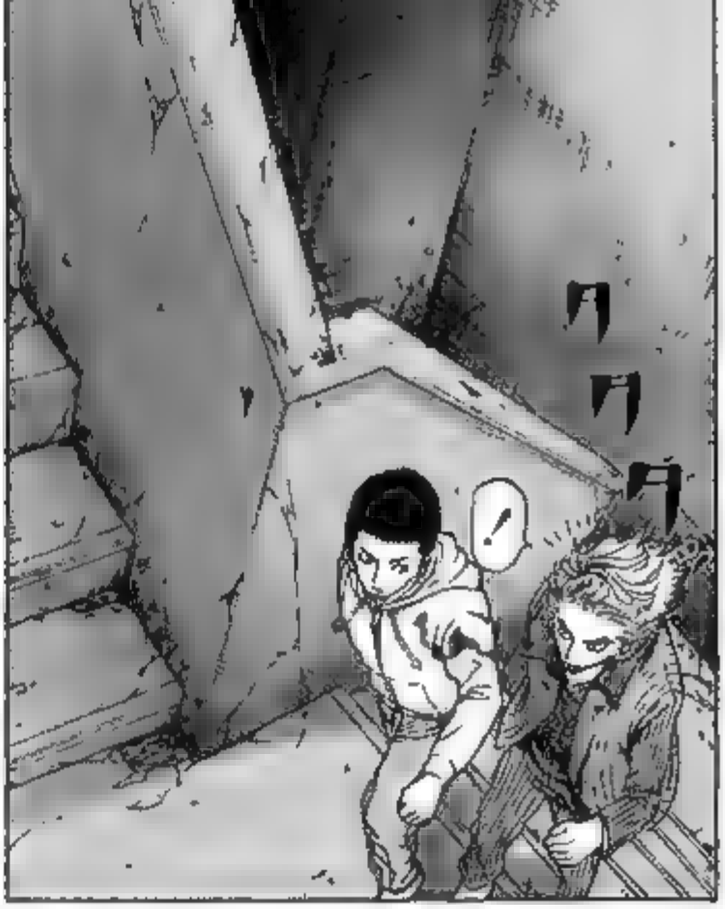
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FEEL IT
I CAN ...

I WOULD EXPECT HIM TO CARRY ONE OF THOSE THINGS AT ALL TIMES. BUT
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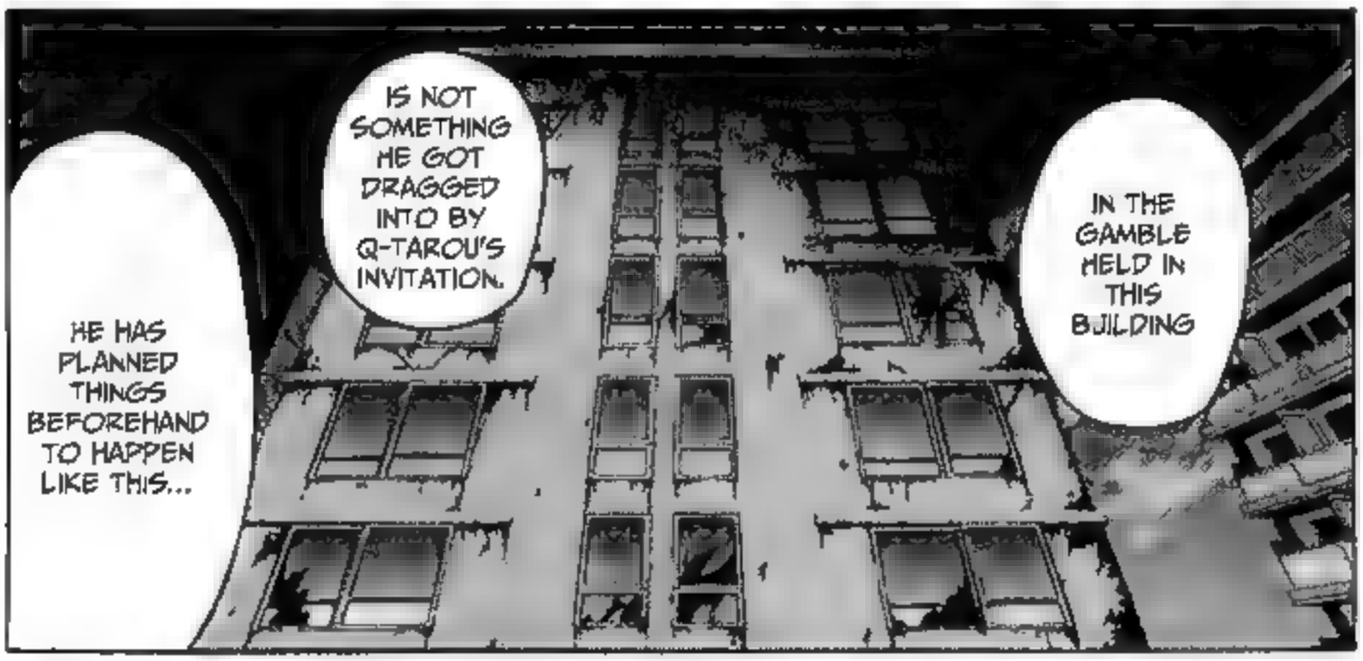
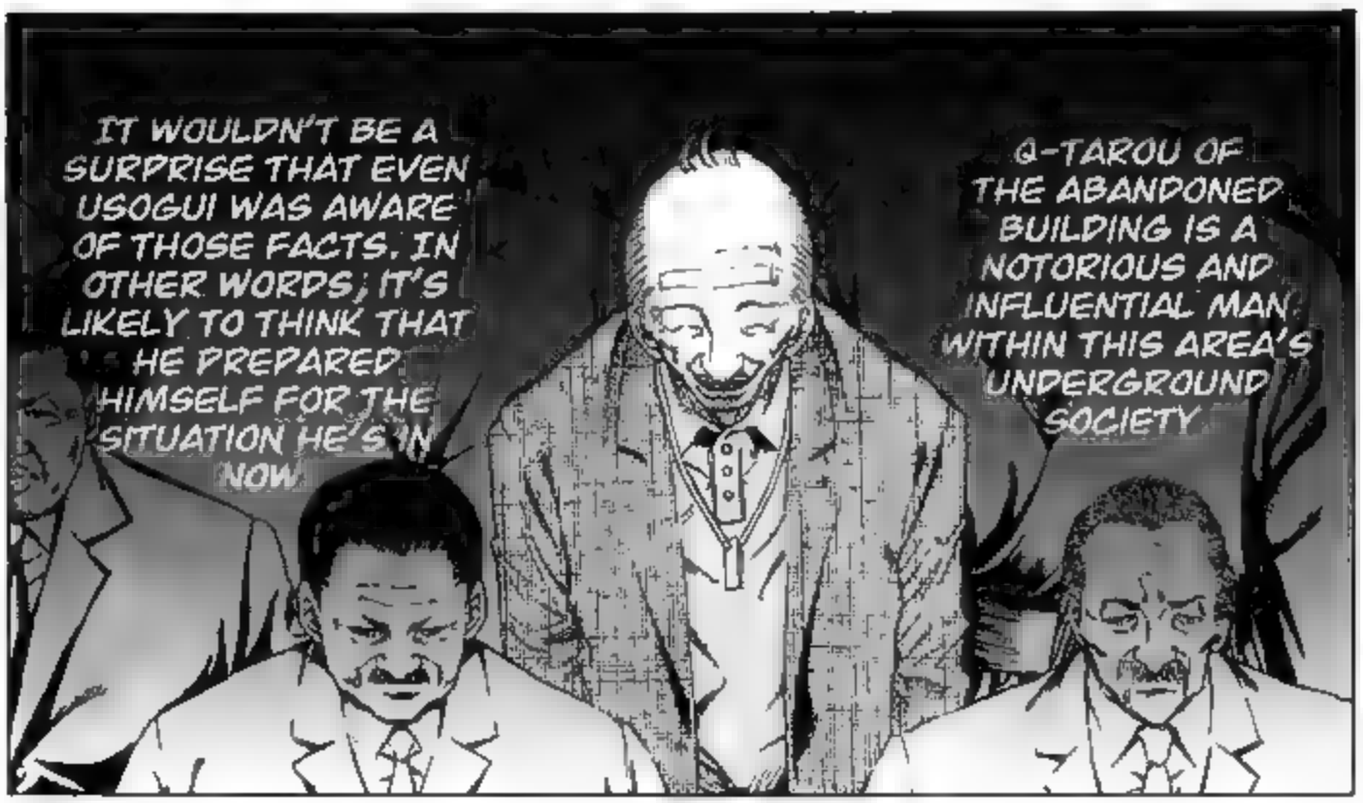
THIS IS A WIRETAP HIDDEN IN A PEN'S CASING.

THIS PEN WAS DROPPED BY USOGUI. A TRAP THAT HE SET UP.

USOGUI'S APPEARANCE
IF WHAT I'M CONCLUDING IS CORRECT...


HE HAS PLANNED THINGS BEFOREHAND TO HAPPEN LIKE THIS...
IS NOT SOMETHING HE GOT DRAGGED INTO BY Q-TAROU'S INVITATION.
IN THE GAMBLE HELD IN THIS BUILDING


IT WOULDN'T BE A SURPRISE THAT EVEN USOGUI WAS AWARE OF THOSE FACTS. IN OTHER WORDS, IT'S LIKELY TO THINK THAT HE PREPARED HIMSELF FOR THE SITUATION HE'S IN NOW
Q-TAROU OF THE ABANDONED BUILDING IS A NOTORIOUS AND INFLUENTIAL MAN WITHIN THIS AREA'S UNDERGROUND SOCIETY

IN BRIEF, USOGUI WASN'T ONLY TARGETING THE MEMBERSHIP PRIVILEGES. HE HAS ANOTHER AIM!

WHY DON'T YOU BET YOUR KAKEROU MEMBERSHIP?

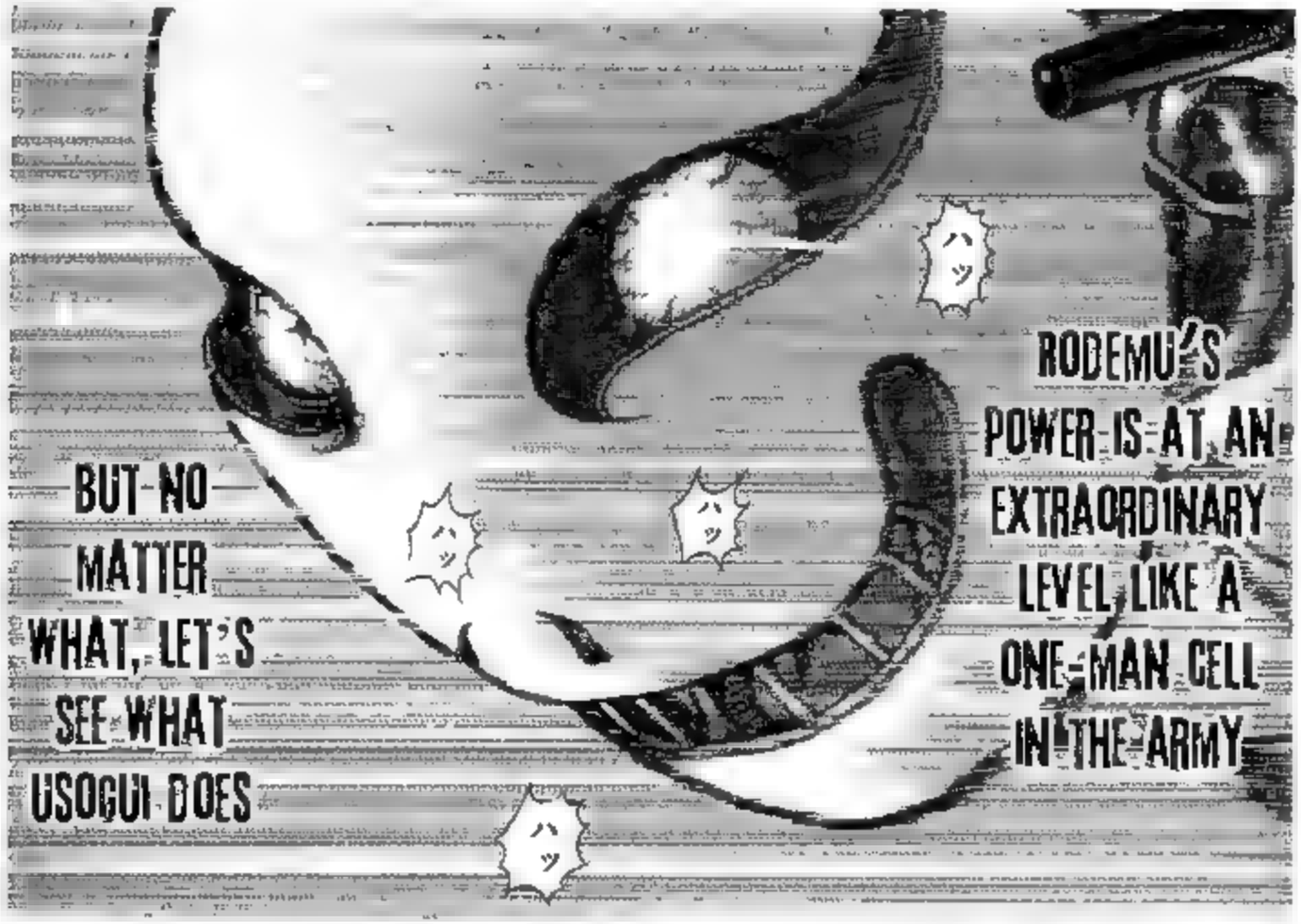
BUT WHAT'S BEEN BEYOND MY EXPECTATIONS WAS THE FACT THAT USOGUI KNEW ABOUT Q-TAROU BEING A MEMBER OF KAKEROU...

ANYWAY

RIGHT NOW IT'S A LIFE OR DEATH GAMBLE FOR USOGUI...

MUST BE LINKED SOMEHOW, OR IS IT JUST ME?

USOGUI'S TRUE AIM AND THIS "PASSING BY THE MANSION" GAME BACK THEN...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RODEMU'S POWER IS AT AN EXTRAORDINARY LEVEL LIKE A ONE-MAN CELL IN THE ARMY
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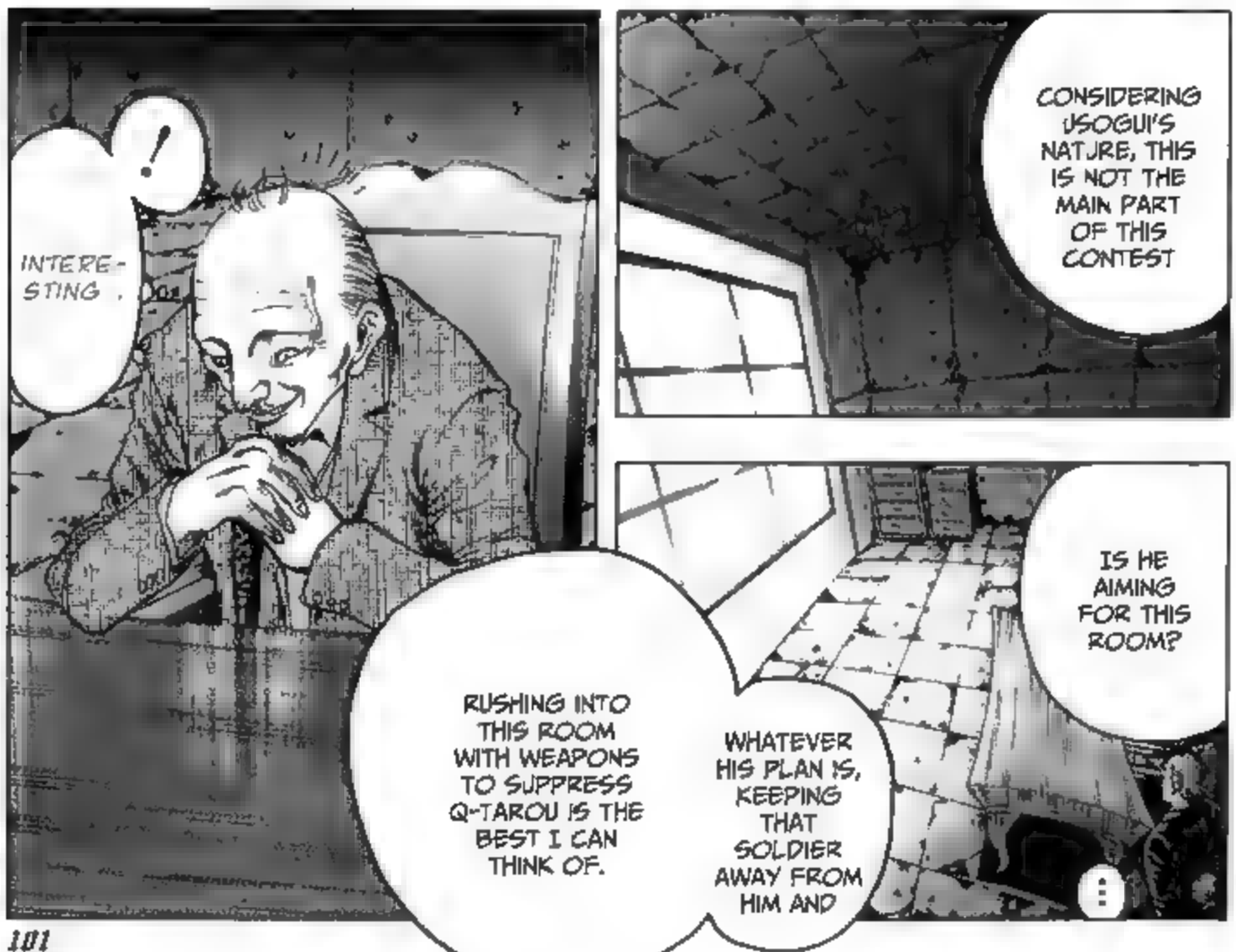
BUT NO MATTER WHAT, LET'S SEE WHAT USOGUI DOES


CONSIDERING USOGUI'S NATURE, THIS IS NOT THE MAIN PART OF THIS CONTEST
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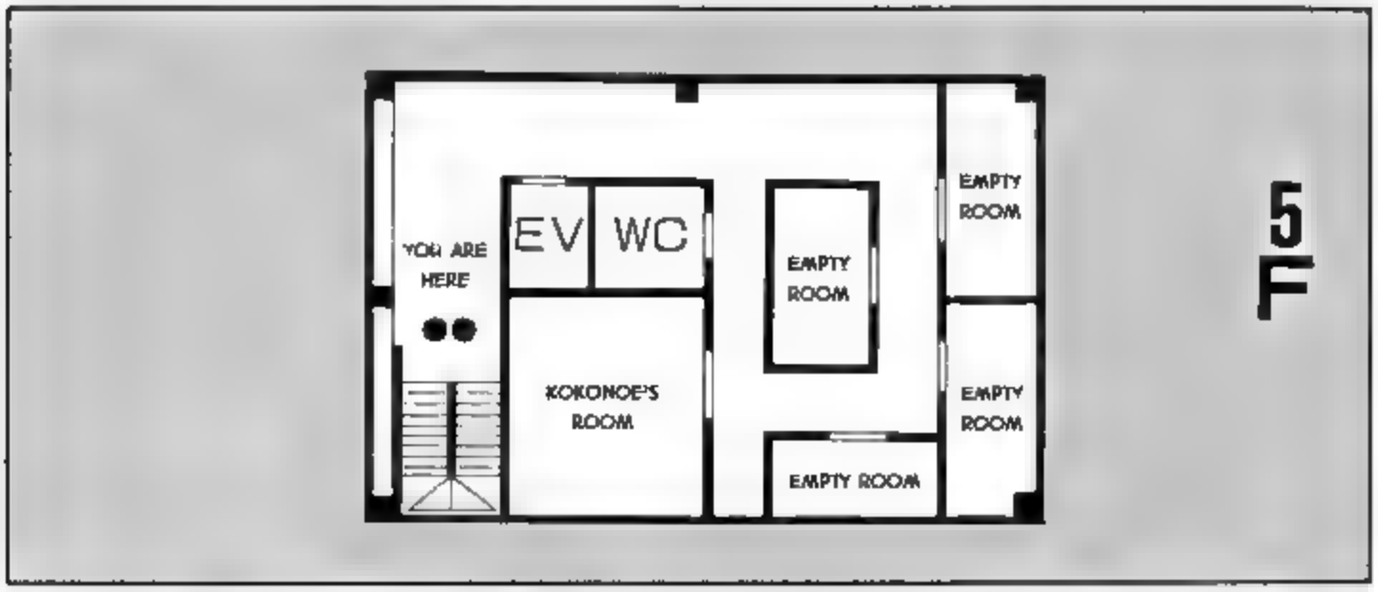
INTERE-STING .
IS HE AIMING FOR THIS ROOM?
RUSHING INTO THIS ROOM WITH WEAPONS TO SUPPRESS Q-TAROU IS THE BEST I CAN THINK OF.
WHATEVER HIS PLAN IS, KEEPING THAT SOLDIER AWAY FROM HIM AND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YOU ARE HERE
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KOKONOE'S ROOM
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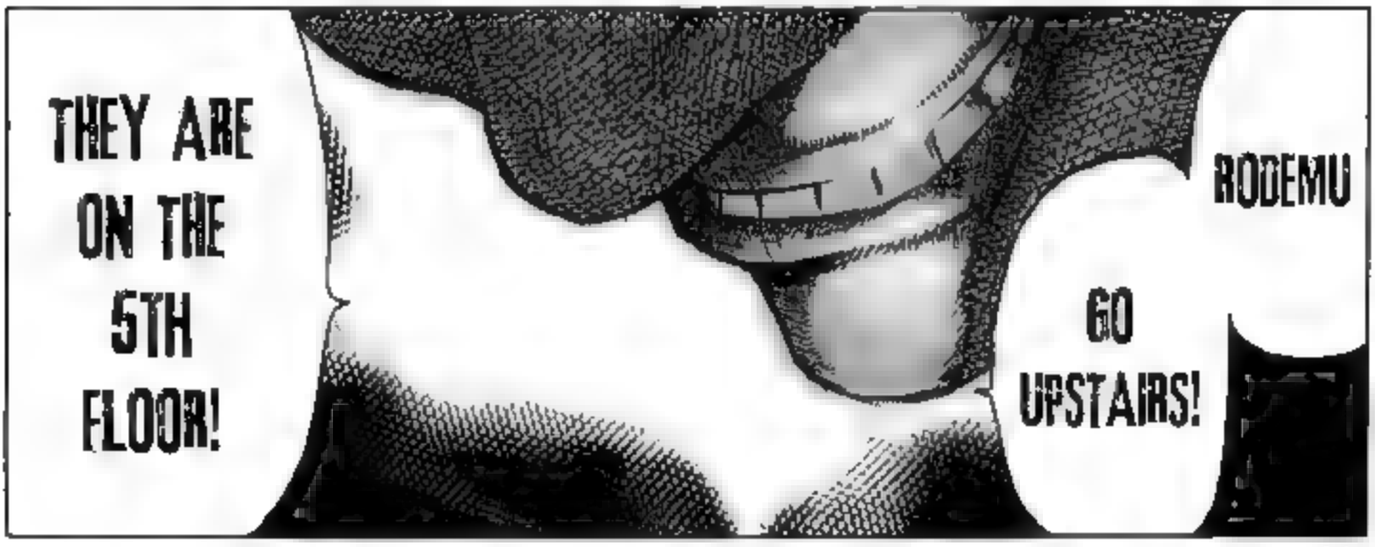
BUT WE REALLY HAVE HIM CONF,NED THERE, DON'T WE?
HOW-EVER I'M ANXIOUS ABOUT THAT MASKED GUY'S ARRIVAL

SO LET'S GO WITH PLAN A FOR THE TIME BEING.
WELL I SUPPOSE WE CAN BENEFIT FROM A SURPRISE ATTACK,

AT THIS RATE, WE CAN TAKE Q-TAROU AS A HOSTAGE AND ESCAPE
BAKJ-SAN, THIS WILL BE OUR VICTORY!


THEY ARE ON THE 5TH FLOOR!
RODEMU
GO UPSTAIRS!

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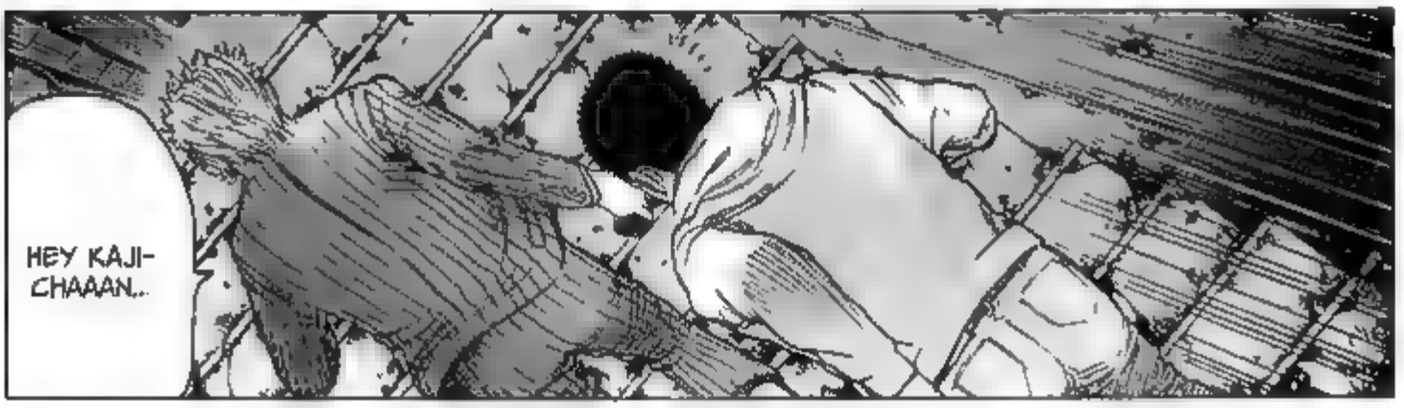
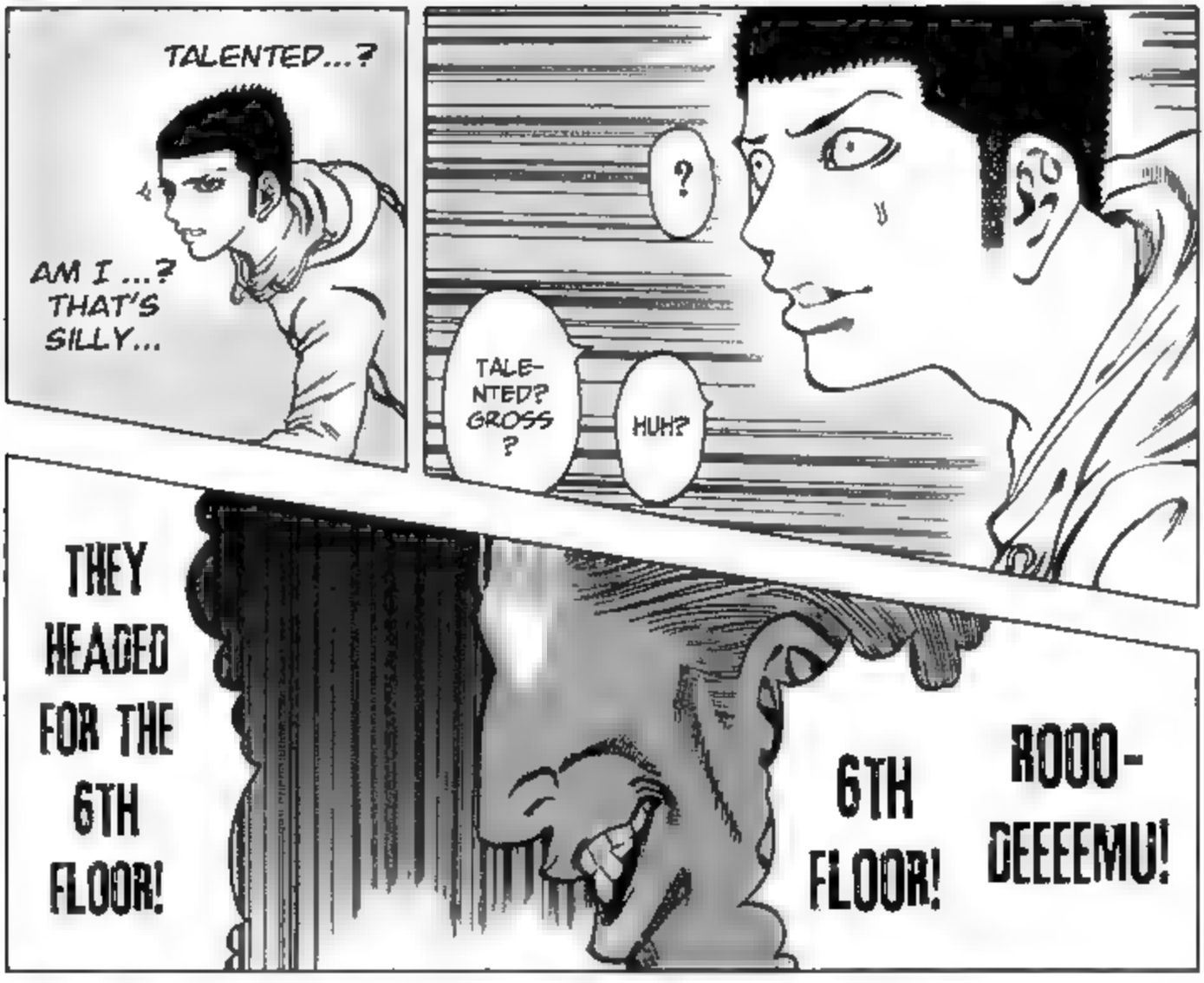
RODEMU, COME HERE! YOU'RE GOING TO KILL 'EM IN THIS ROOM!
THEY ARE NO LONGER ON 4TH FLOOR!
THEY'RE PROBABLY AIMING FOR THIS ROOM
PLAN B: WE HEAD FOR THE 6TH FLOOR NOW!
WE'RE SWITCHING TO ANOTHER STRATEGY!! HURRY BAKU-CHAN!
WHAT? PLAN B? WHAT'S THAT?
PLAN B IS PLAN B! I'M THINKING ABOUT IT RIGHT NOW!
IF IT WASN'T THE BAG
I GOT IT! SO Q-TAROU... YOU REALLY THOUGHT ABOUT IT A LOT, DIDN'T YOU?
THEN...

.....
...ISN'T IT LIKE WE THREW AWAY THAT MONEY?
THERE'S TEN MILLION YEN IN IT!
WHAT ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT? WASN'T THAT BAG THE LISTENING DEVICE?

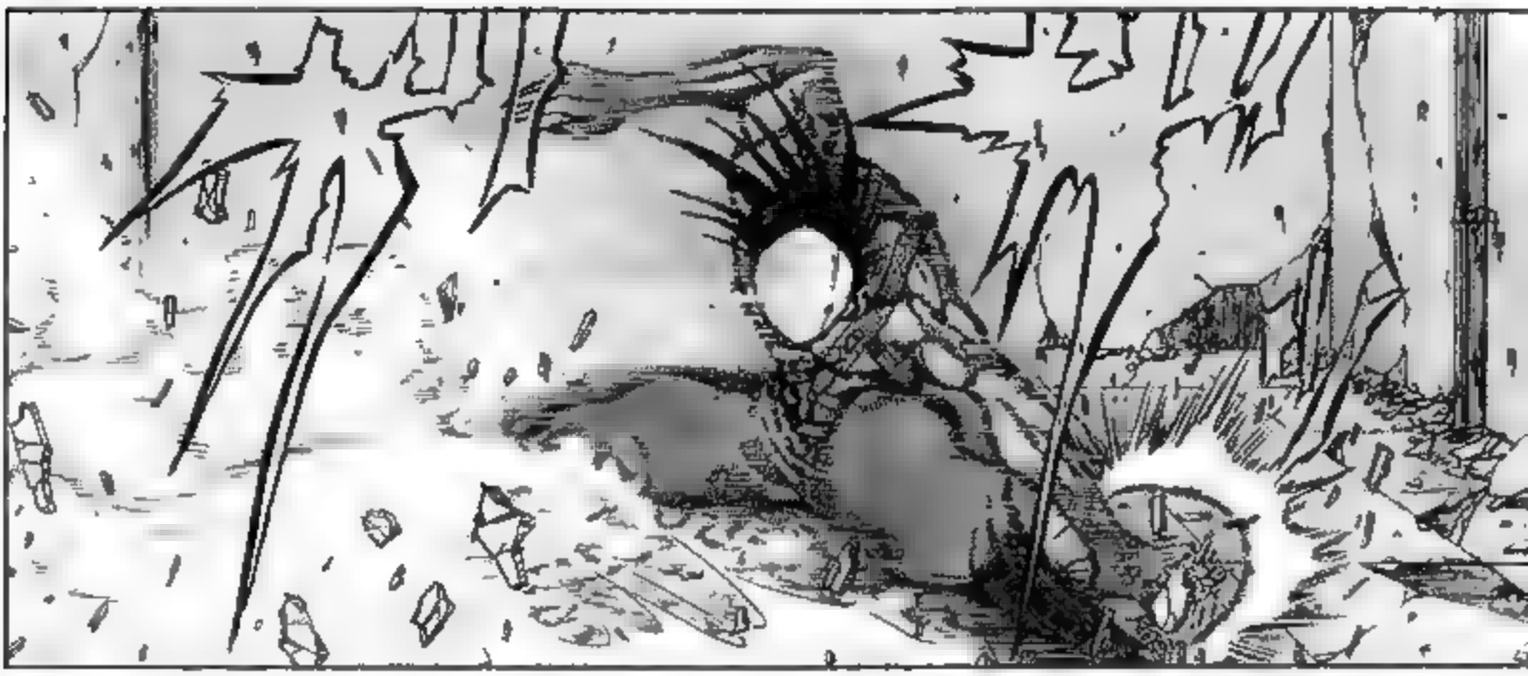
T/N 10 million yen is around 100 000 dollars.



WHAT I MEAN BY "KAJI-CHAN"... IS DISGUSTING AND PRIMITIVE
PLAN B IS COMPLETE!
BUT YOU ARE TALENTED ..
YOU SURE ARE A TALENTED GROSS MAN

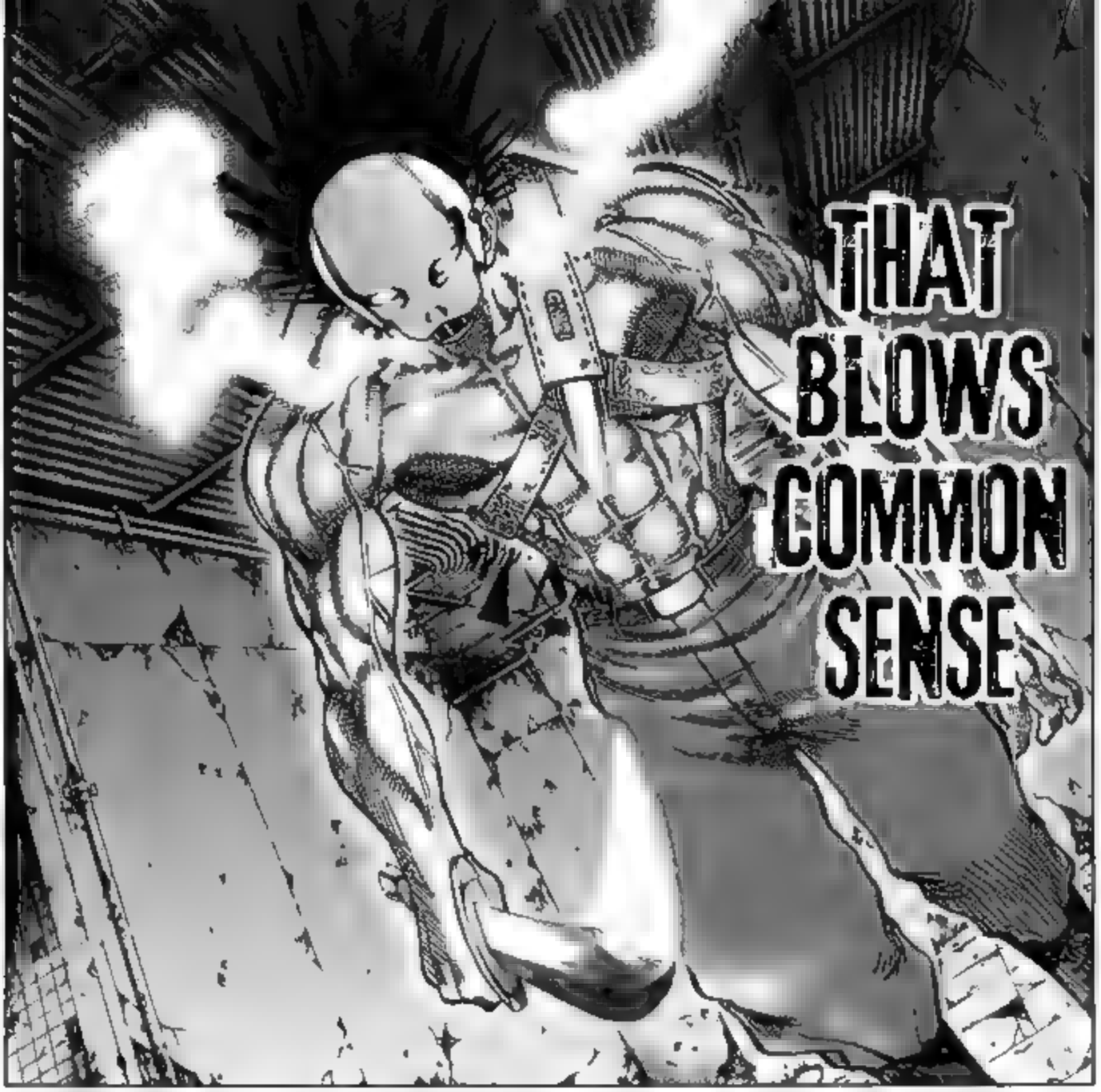

TALENTED...?
AM I ...? THAT'S SILLY...
?
TALE-NTED? GROSS ?
HUH?
THEY HEADED FOR THE 6TH FLOOR!
6TH FLOOR!
ROOO-DEEEEMU!

LIKE A HOUND HUNTING A RABBIT!
CHASE AND HUNT THEM AS FAST AS YOU CAN!
GO GO GO!



AND THE REMAINING 90% IS ABOUT DEALING WITH WHATEVER OPPOSES THAT 10%.
10% OF GAMBLING IS ABOUT ONE'S OWN SIDE...

HOW ARE YOU GOING TO DEAL WITH THIS MONSTER...
USOGUI...


THAT BLOWS COMMON SENSE

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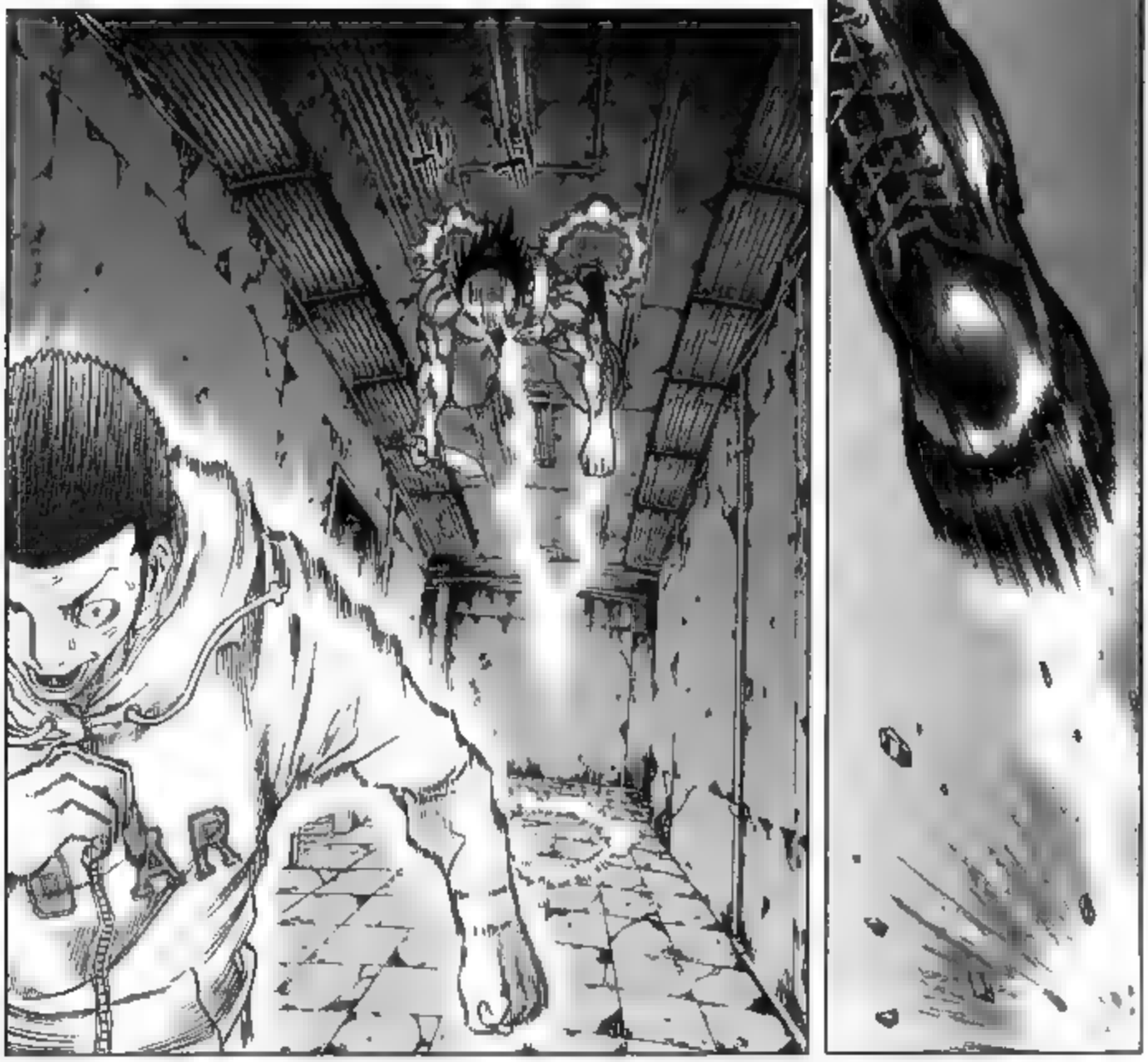
I GAVE IT MY BEST THE REST IS JUST A GAMBLE
BAKU-SAN
YOU FOUND ONE! LET'S START THE FEAST WITH HIM!
ALRIGHT, RODEMU
TRY TO KILL ME YOU CAN DO IT, IT'S JUST ME
KILL HIM!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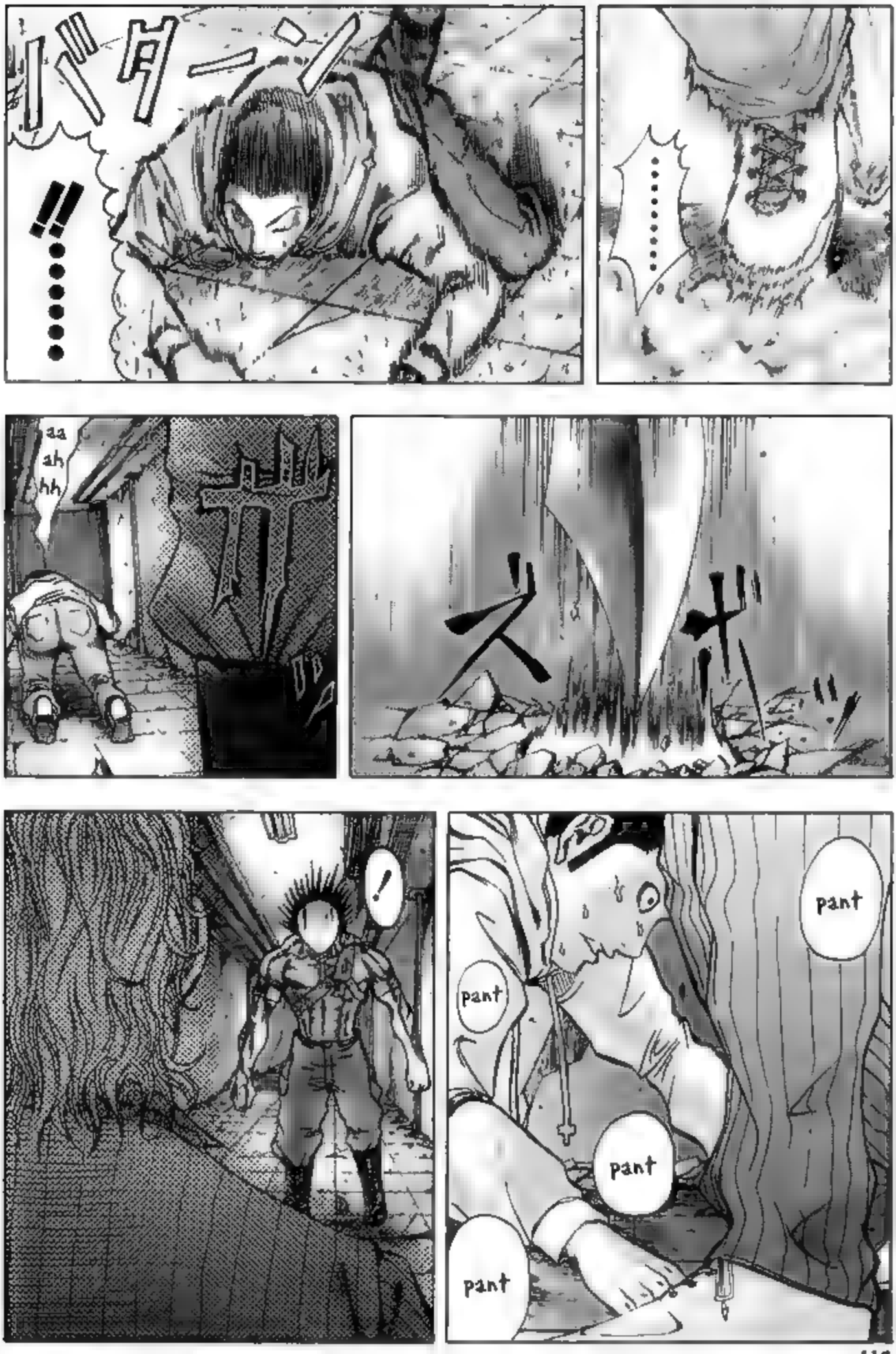
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COME HERE!
come
IN THE END, ANYONE WILL LOSE THEIR PRIVILEGE OF PLAYING THAT GAME
HUMAN LIFE IS LIKE A GAMBLE WITH NO ODDS

COME!
EITHER USOGUI OR Q-TAROU. ONE OF THEM IS PLAYING THEIR LAST GAME.

THEY ARE TRYING TO DIVIDE US... TRY TO AVOID ATTACKING HOW THEY WANT YOU TO.
THEY ARE PLOTTING SOMETHING!
RODEMU, DON'T APPROACH CARELESSLY!
BUT DON'T WORRY. I'M GOING TO COME THERE... AND TEAMING UP AS FATHER AND SON WE WILL BE INVINCIBLE!
THEY MIGHT INTEND TO PULL YOU INTO SOME KIND OF TRAP THEY SET UP...
THE HEAD OF KAKEROU!
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MY TARGET IS
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CHAPTER 16: BEGGING FOR LIFE

LEG..
WHAT'S WRONG WITH YOUR LEG, RODEMU?
THAT MUST BE A TRAP THAT USOGUI RECENTLY SET UP..
HM... NO THOSE ARE CALTROPS!
DID YOU GET HIT BY A BULLET?
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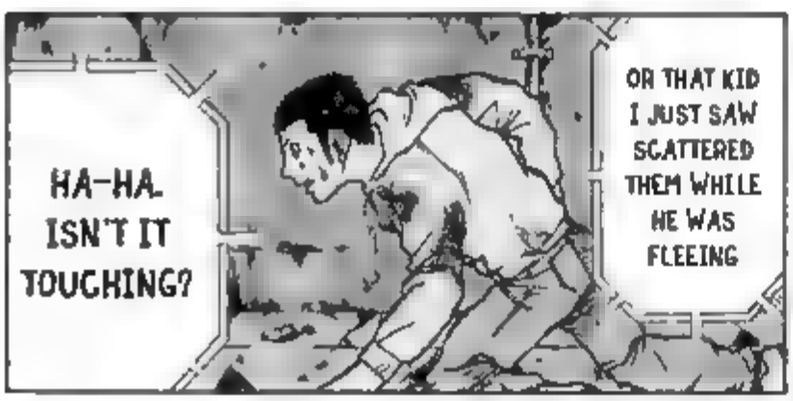
MY...


HA-HA. ISN'T IT TOUCHING?
OR THAT KID I JUST SAW SCATTERED THEM WHILE HE WAS FLEEING

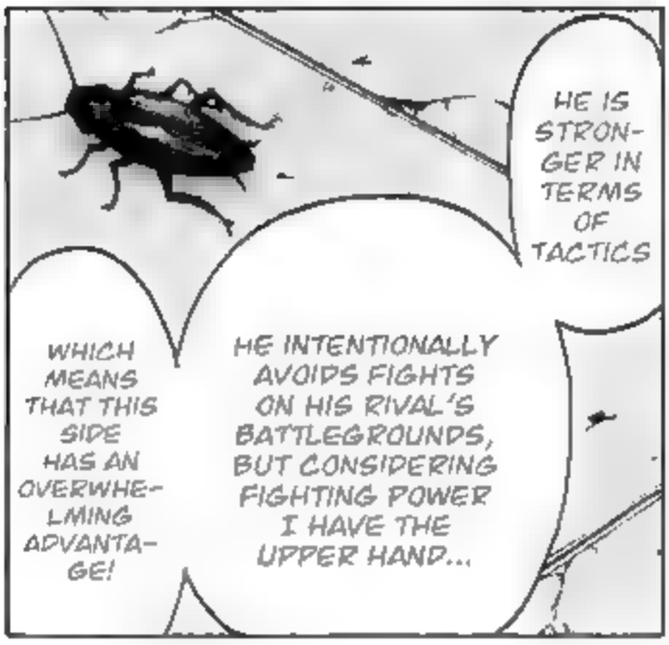
EVEN THOUGH WE ARE EXPECTING THEM TO SET UP TRAPS THEY KEEP USING THE SAME THINGS OVER AND OVER AGAIN. THEIR MATERIAL IS LIMITED AFTER ALL.

SO YOU WOULD STEP ON IT AS SOON AS YOU ARRIVE ON THIS FLOOR.

I UNDERSTAND WHY YOU WANT TO TAKE CONTROL OF KAKEROU...
YOU WANT TO EXPERIENCE YOUR ABNORMAL APPETITE'S LIMITS, DON'T YOU? BUT FACE IT...
!
Ooo
USOGUI'S VOICE
HEY OLD MAN, ARE YOU LISTE-NING?
THERE ARE CERTAIN RANKS A PERSON FITS INTO...
AND EVEN DREAMING OF EXCELLING ONE'S RANK

HEY GRAMPS, YOU DON'T WANT TO DIE YET, DO YOU?
IS SIMILAR TO INVITING DEATH ITSELF.

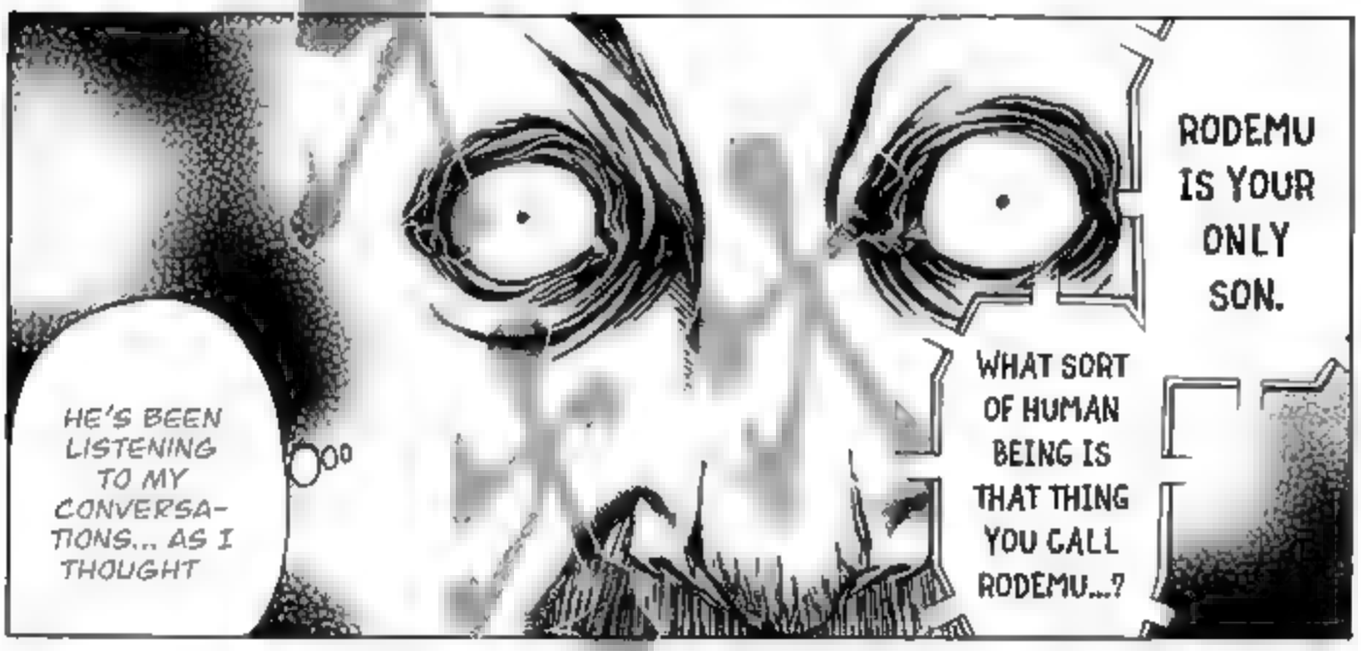
THIS GAME HE IS PROLONGING IS ALL ABOUT RESOURCES AND TACTICS


HE IS STRONGER IN TERMS OF TACTICS
WHICH MEANS THAT THIS SIDE HAS AN OVERWHELMING ADVANTAGE!
HE INTENTIONALLY AVOIDS FIGHTS ON HIS RIVAL'S BATTLEGROUNDS, BUT CONSIDERING FIGHTING POWER I HAVE THE UPPER HAND...

HA-HA, YOU JUST GO ON RAMBLING.
BUT THAT FLOW OF EVENTS ISN'T GOOD
.....

HIS LIFE...
I WILL CAREFULLY KEEP AN EYE ON HIM WHILE RODEMU MOVES. IT'S EASY TO TURN OFF THE SWITCH TO...
...NO...
.....
ALRIGHT RODEMU.
THAT SENTENCE "I UNDERSTAND WHY YOU WANT TO TAKE CONTROL OF KAKEROU..."
WHAT DID HE SAY JUST NOW?
NO NO WAIT!!
...
WHAT THE HELL IS HE...?
...
HOW DOES HE KNOW ABOUT THE CONVER-SATION BETWEEN ME AND RODEMU?

COME!...
IF YOU STILL INSIST ON FIGHTING AFTER ALL THIS, THEN...


HE'S BEEN LISTENING TO MY CONVERSATIONS... AS I THOUGHT
RODEMU IS YOUR ONLY SON.
WHAT SORT OF HUMAN BEING IS THAT THING YOU CALL RODEMU...?

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WHAT YAKOU DID EARLIER WAS
I JUST DROPPED MY PEN.

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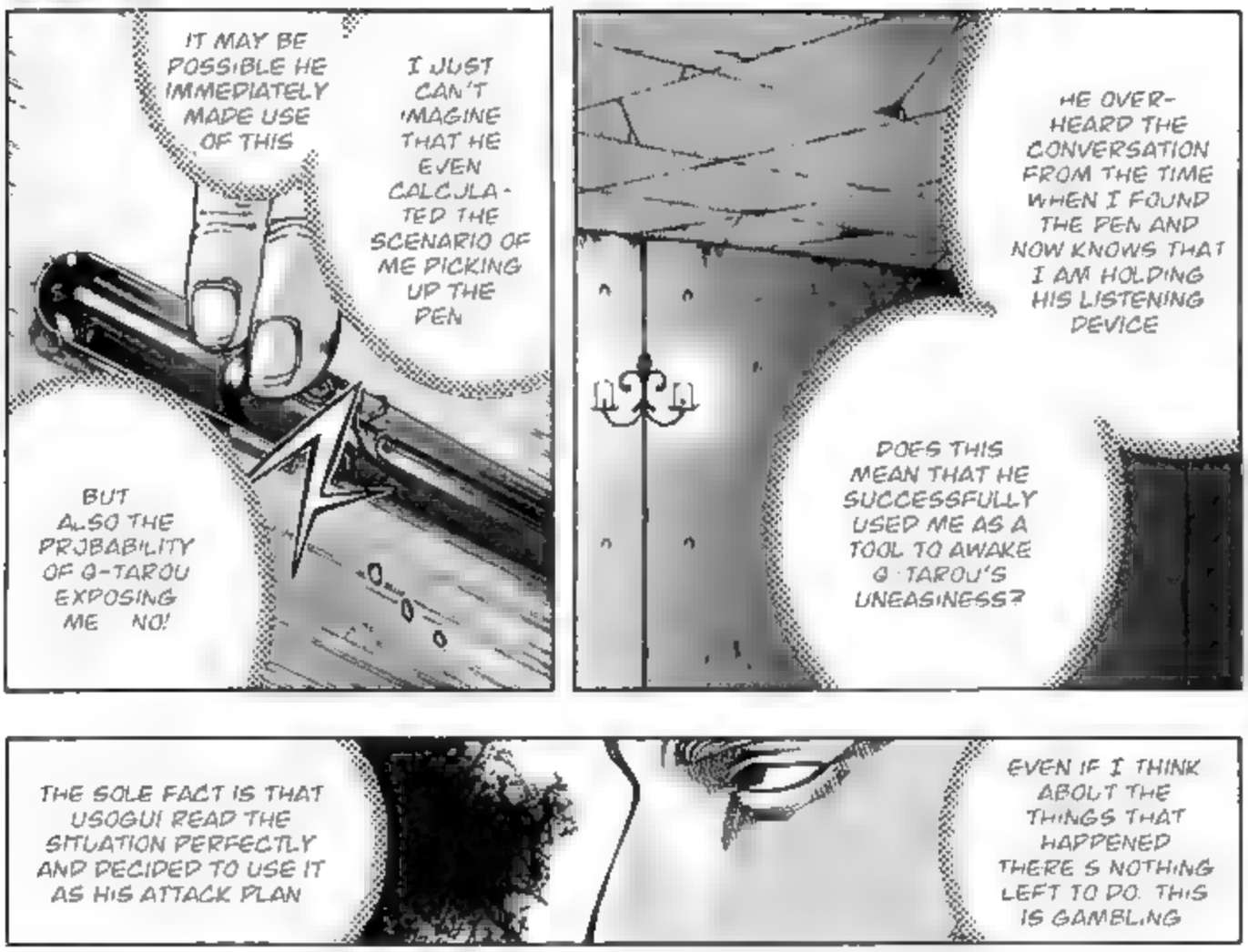
MY APOLOGIES
LET'S THINK BACK

...
JOIN FORCES WITH USOGUI?
DID YAKOU .
DAMN..
I SEE SO USOGUI PERHAPS WANTED IT TO BE FOUND...
YAKOU-SAN, ABOUT THAT PEN YOU PICKED UP A WHILE AGO.
CAN YOU TAKE IT OUT?


IT MAY BE POSSIBLE HE IMMEDIATELY MADE USE OF THIS
I JUST CAN'T IMAGINE THAT HE EVEN CALCULATED THE SCENARIO OF ME PICKING UP THE PEN
BUT ALSO THE PROBABILITY OF Q-TAROU EXPOSING ME NO!
HE OVERHEARD THE CONVERSATION FROM THE TIME WHEN I FOUND THE PEN AND NOW KNOWS THAT I AM HOLDING HIS LISTENING DEVICE
DOES THIS MEAN THAT HE SUCCESSFULLY USED ME AS A TOOL TO AWAKE Q-TAROU'S UNEASINESS?
THE SOLE FACT IS THAT USOGUI READ THE SITUATION PERFECTLY AND DECIDED TO USE IT AS HIS ATTACK PLAN
EVEN IF I THINK ABOUT THE THINGS THAT HAPPENED THERE'S NOTHING LEFT TO DO. THIS IS GAMBLING

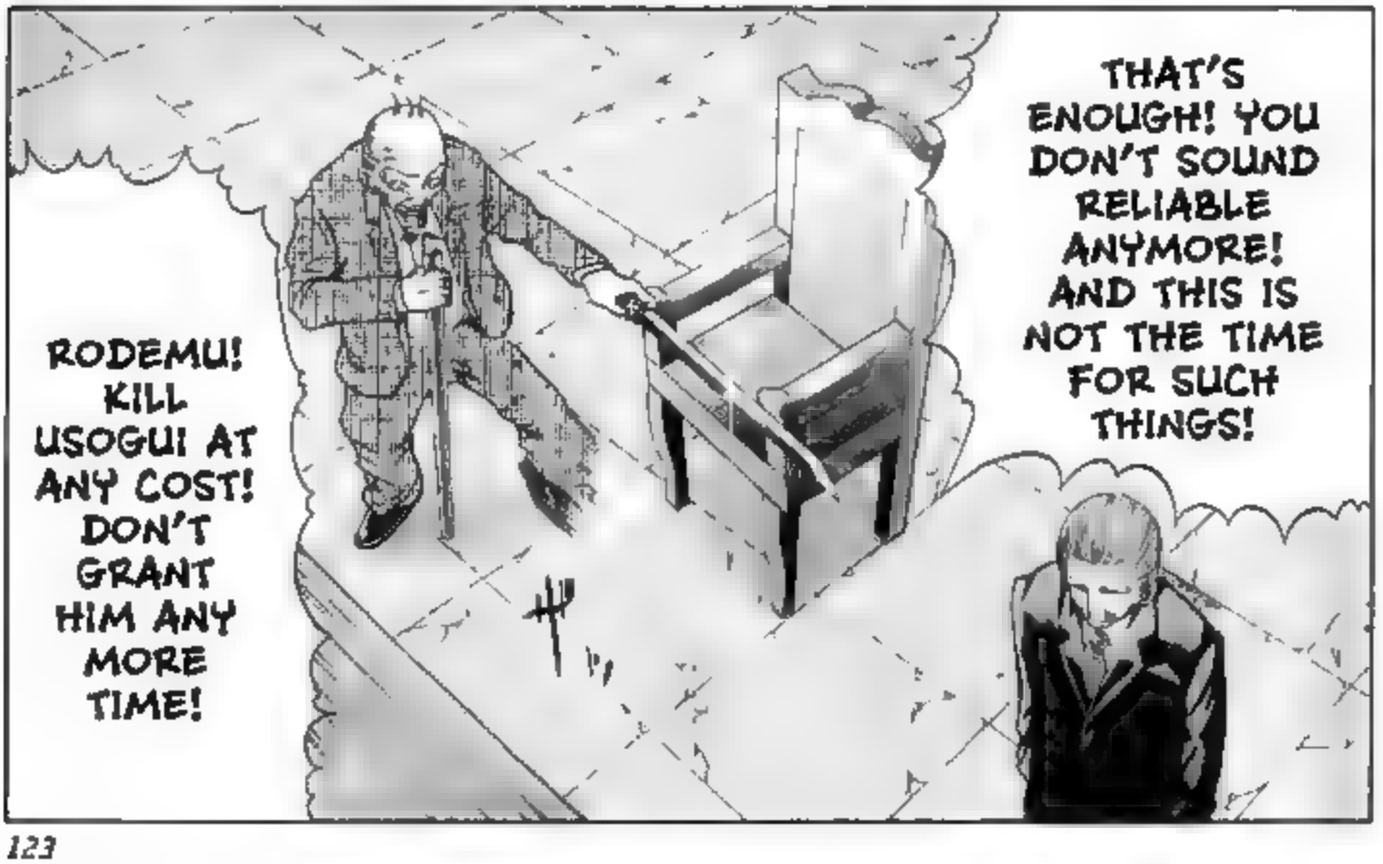
YOU, INSIDIOUS OLD MAN
THIS IS A LISTENING DEVICE...
HOW ARE YOU GOING TO EXPLAIN THIS?

Q... KOKONOE-SAMA YOU'RE MISTAKEN.
He just said Q
I APPEAR AS AN OBSERVER BUT...
THERE ARE NO RULES IN THIS GAME
YOU WERE SUPPOR-TING THE OTHER SIDE! WHAT IS THE MEANING OF THIS?!
WHILE APPEA-RING AS AN OBSER-VER...
FROM THE BEGINNING THE GAMBLES THAT KAKEROU WATCHED HAD DIFFERENT CHARACTERISTICS DEPENDED ON THE NATURES OF THE REFEREE
EVEN THOUGH YOU CONSIDER ME AN ALLY I AM FREE TO BEHAVE THE WAY I PREFER.
THAT'S NOTHING LIKE SUPPORTING ANY OF THE SIDES... BUT... THIS STILL IS A GAME WITHOUT ANY RULES. EVEN THOUGH I HAVE ASSISTED USOGUI...
EVEN THOUGH I HAVE THE HABIT OF INTERPOSING MORE OR LESS TO ENJOY THE GAME

!!
STOP COMPLAINING ABOUT IT!
You old man...

IT'S ABOUT TIME FOR THAT OLD MAN TO PULL THROUGH THAT NUMB STATE.
ARE THE ALL PREPARA-TIONS DONE, BAKU-CHAN?

I TOTALLY DISAGREE WITH THAT
A-HA!


RODEMU! KILL USOGUI AT ANY COST! DON'T GRANT HIM ANY MORE TIME!
THAT'S ENOUGH! YOU DON'T SOUND RELIABLE ANYMORE! AND THIS IS NOT THE TIME FOR SUCH THINGS!

KILL HIM!
AT
OKAY OR NOT, THIS IS A GAMBLE!
WILL IT BE OKAY LIKE THAT?
BAKU-SAN, HE IS COMING !!!

A CONTEST WITH AN 100% CHANCE OF WINNING IS NOT A GAMBLE! WE DID EVERYTHING WE COULD DO...
THE REST DEPENDS ON OUR LUCK.

USOGUI, YOU TOOK ME TOO LIGHTLY
DO YOU REALLY THINK THAT I DON'T KNOW ANYTHING ABOUT WHAT YOU'RE PLOTTING?

IT DOES MAKE ME FEEL UNEASY TO SEIZE THE PSYCHOLOGICAL INITIATIVE...
BUT I AM DIFFERENT FROM THE OTHER FOUR I AM A BATTLE PRO WHO SURVIVED NUMEROUS BATTLEFIELDS

GET HM!!
RODEMU !!!
BAKU-CHAN, PULL!
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I TOLD YOU THAT I COULD READ THE WHOLE SITUATION FROM THE BEGINNING, YOU FOOL!
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HA HA! THERE IS NO [redacted] SHIELD THAN A HUMAN BODY ON A BATTLE-GROUND!
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ABOUT THE TRIGGER DID YOU USE THE WOVEN WIRES?
CREATING AN EXPLOSION BY BLOCKING THE GUN'S BARREL WITH A FOREIGN SUBSTANCE . AND INVOLVING THE RUBBLE AND CALTROPS WILL IMPROVE KILLING AND INJURING QJALITY
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ARE THE TRAP THAT IS SUPPOSED TO HIDE THE OBJECT YOU USED TO FIX THE GUN TO THE PIPE
THESE RUBBLE MOUNDS THAT HAVE BEEN ARTIFICIALLY PILED UP IN THE PASSAGEWAY
AFTER ...
TOO BAD YOUR OPPONENT WAS ME, USOGUI! RODEMU, PIERCE!

...
RETURNING THAT THING TO HIM!
WHAT?
.....
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ズバッ
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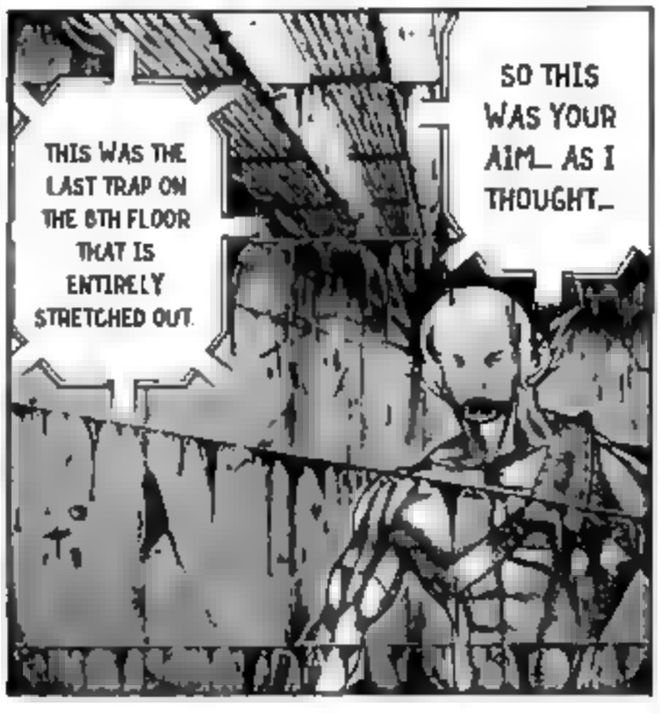
ズバッ
B-BAKU-SAN!!

W-
WATCH OUT!

I WONDER IF THE YOUNGSTER THAT PURPOSELY BROKE DOWN THAT TRAP HAS FORGOTTEN ABOUT ITS EXISTENCE DUR.NG HIS ESCAPE?
REMO- VING THE LOWEST WIRE

crash


THIS WAS THE LAST TRAP ON THE 8TH FLOOR THAT IS ENTIRELY STRETCHED OUT.
SO THIS WAS YOUR AIM... AS I THOUGHT...

HA-HA-HA... HEY USOGUI...
CAN THIS PLAN OF YOURS EVEN SCRAPE A PASSING GRADE?
I'M WONDERING IF I SHOULD MAKE YOU STRUGGLE...
.....
JUST DRY YOUR BLOOD WITH THAT...

EEK!
EVEN THAT L.FE-BETT.NG PERFORMANCE OF THE YOUNGSTER WHO PLANNED TO USE THE WIRE AS A TRAP
EVEN THE TR.CK INVOLVING THE EXPLODING GUN
OF YOUR PLANS...
EVERY SINGLE ONE...
THEY DIED... JUST LIKE THEY HAVE FALLEN .NTO RUINS.
HAS BEEN PREVENTED...
第77話 血を拭え

BUT YOU CAN RELAX, USOGUI
……
I'M GOING TO SAVE YOUR LIFE!
第17話
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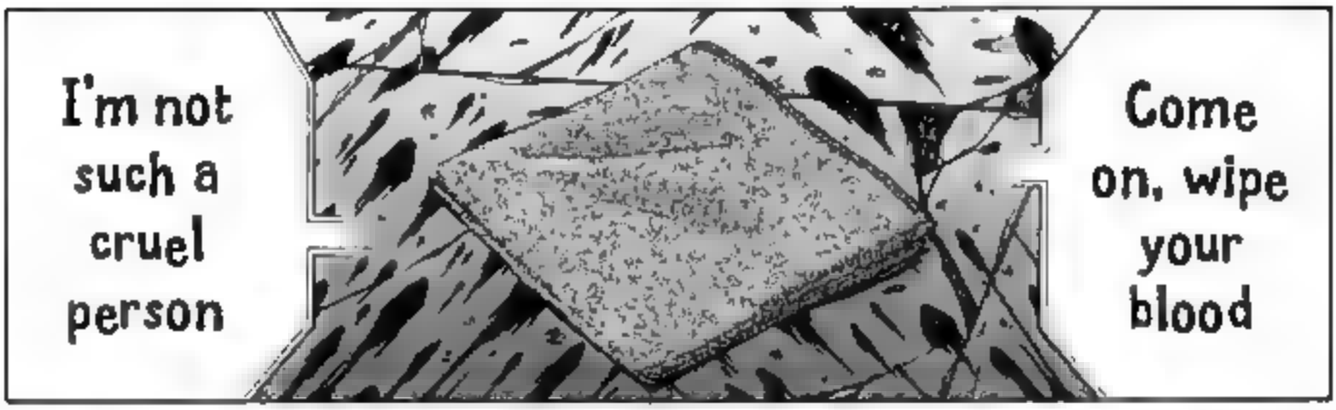
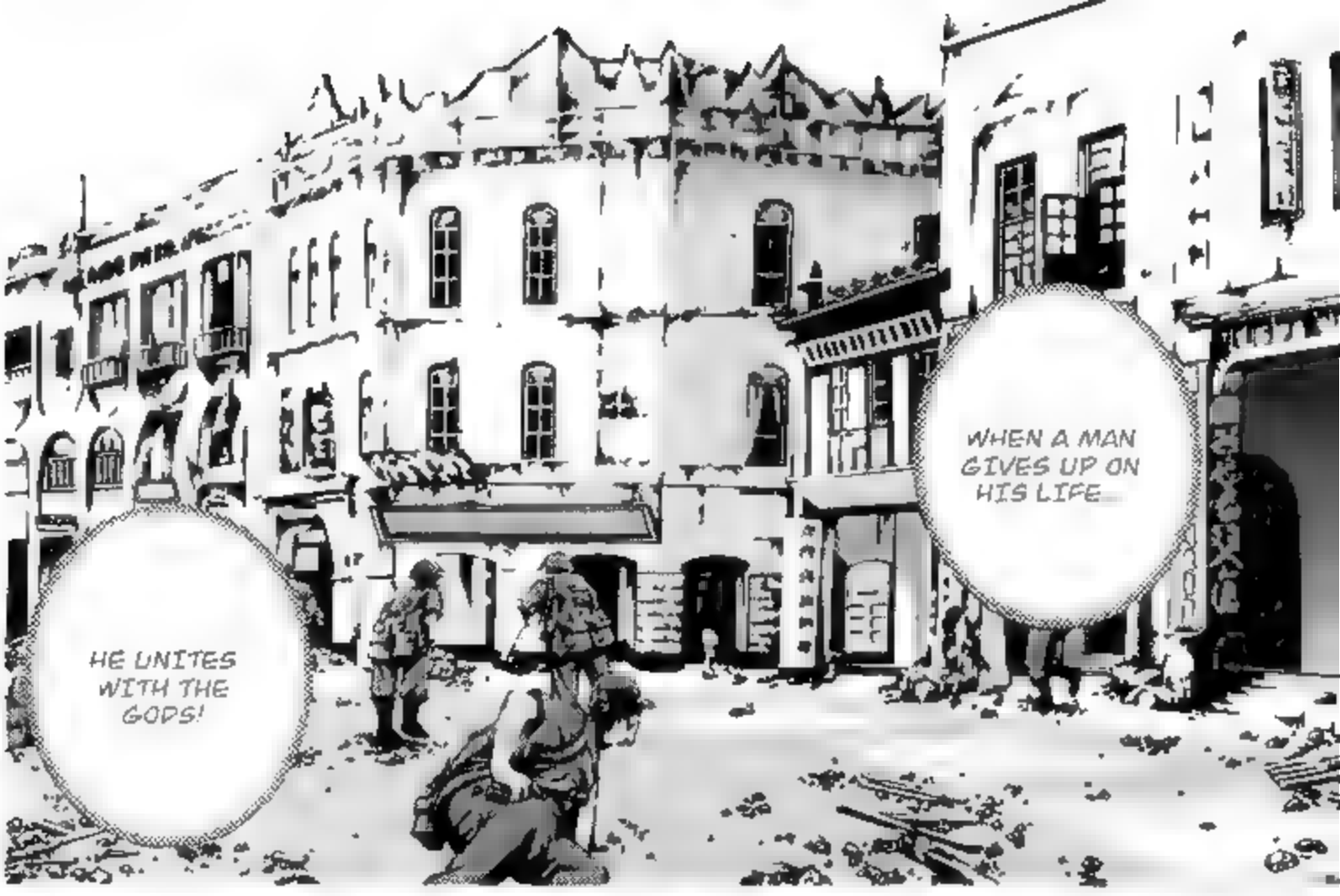
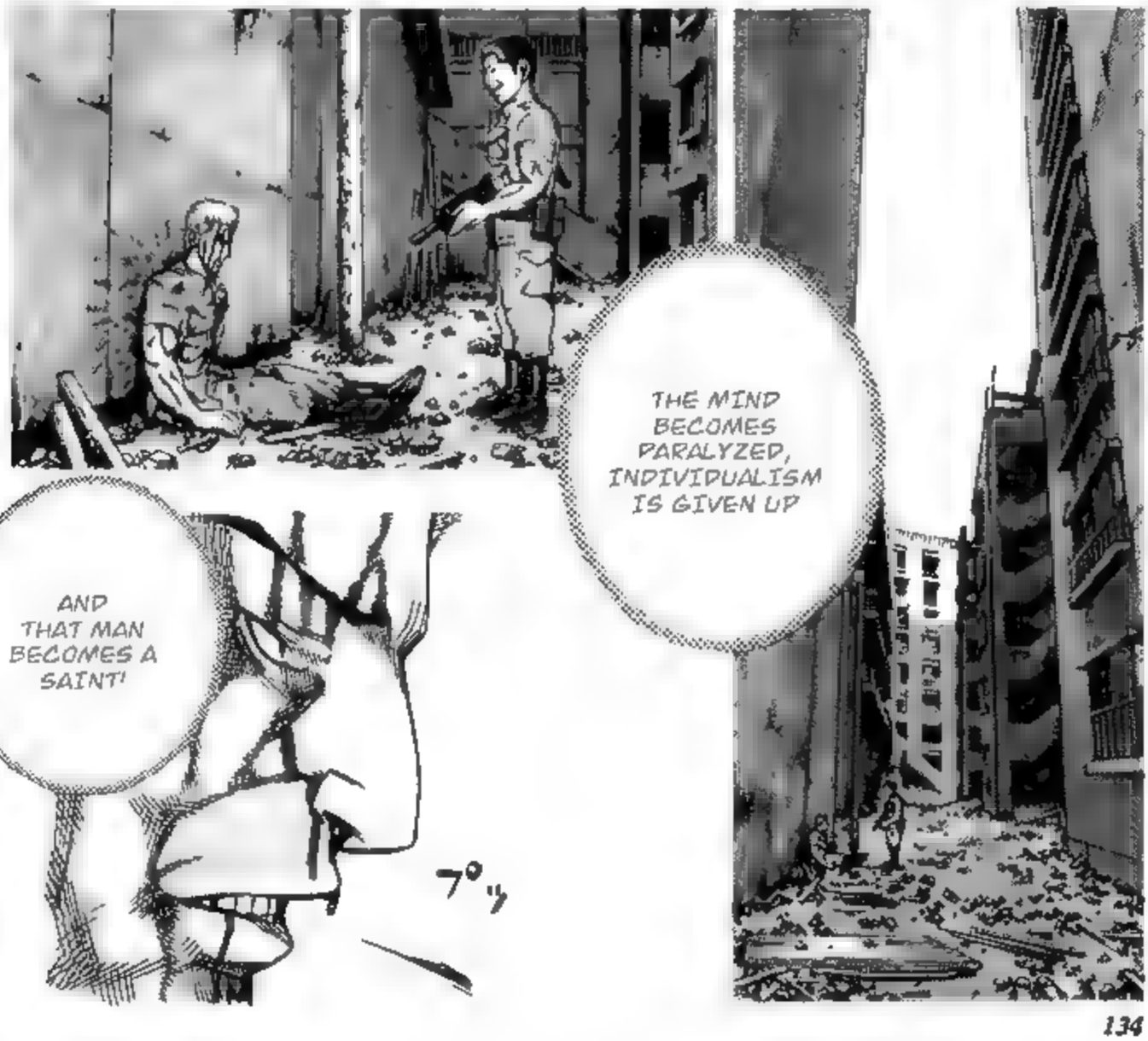
ARE THIS MANS COMPULSIONS ...
BASED ON HIS THIRST FOR PLEASURE?
I JUST CANNOT UNDERSTAND IT!


I'm not such a cruel person
Come on, wipe your blood

HAHA
HAH
HE GAVE UP ON HIS LIFE

HA HA-HA


WHEN A MAN GIVES UP ON HIS LIFE...
HE UNITES WITH THE GODS!


THE MIND BECOMES PARALYZED, INDIVIDUALISM IS GIVEN UP
AND THAT MAN BECOMES A SAINT!

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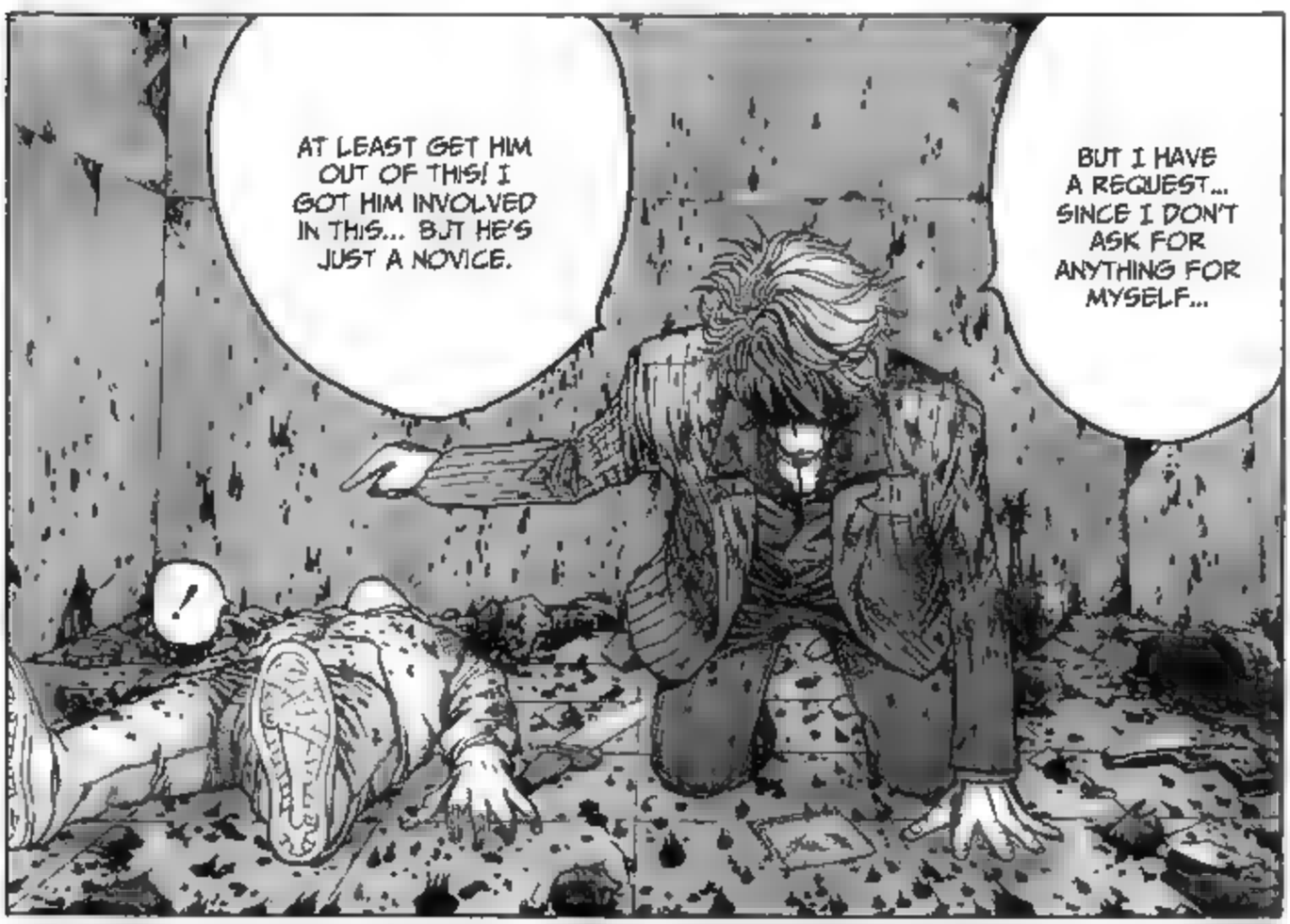
ENCOUNTE-
RING
SOMEBODY
LIKE THAT,
IT S BETTER
TO BAIT
THEM
KILLING
SUCH A
PERSON
WON'T GIVE
ME ANY
PLEASURE
KILL ME
THAT'S
THE SELF
DEFENSE OF
A MAN WHO
INTENDS TO
GIVE UP
BY MAKING
THEM THINK
"I CAN KEEP
ON LIVING"
WITH
ASPIRA-
TIONS!
THE BRAIN
STOPS
DISTRI-
BUTING
PAINKILLERS
.....
AND THEIR
MANHOOD
VANISHES
THE INSTANT
ONE REALIZES
THAT THERE'S
HOPE FOR HIS
OWN LIFE

KILLING THAT KIND OF MAN
BEGGING FOR LIFE... LONGING FOR THE END OF THAT SITUATION
RUNNING THROUGH ALL OF MY BODY
MAKES AN INTENSE PLEASURE
huff
huff
huff
huff
GRASP AT MY STRETCHED HAND WITH THE EXPRESSION OF RELIEF ON YOUR FACE!
COME ON USAGUI.. CLING TO YOUR LIFE!

R... REALLY?
!
MOVE YOUR HAND I CAN'T SEE ANYTHING!
WHAT ARE YOU DOING, RODEMJ?
SAVE US?
WILL YOU REALLY
SINCE I BET ON MY LIFE, I AM ASKING FOR TOO MUCH
NO, SORRY. PLEASE FORGET THAT. I FINALLY QUIT
WHAT...
HA-HA
CERTANLY, THERE MIGHT BE OTHER WAYS YOU CAN BE OF USE TO ME...

DON'T SAY THAT! WHAT WILL YOU GAIN BY GIVING UP THAT EASILY?
W-WHAT THE FUCK! DON'T DO THAT!
HM ...

THIS IS ENOUGH... I FAILED AFTER ALL
I AM TIRED ALREADY... I ALREADY... TRIED NEARLY EVERYTHING
I MEAN... YOU ARE USOGUI, AREN'T YOU? KEEP ON LIVING! CLING TO YOUR LIFE!


AT LEAST GET HIM OUT OF THIS! I GOT HIM INVOLVED IN THIS... BUT HE'S JUST A NOVICE.
BUT I HAVE A REQUEST... SINCE I DON'T ASK FOR ANYTHING FOR MYSELF...
!

IT SOUNDS BAD IF YOU PUT IT THIS WAY!
WAIT A SECOND! IN THIS CASE... CONVERSELY, THE OLD MAN WILL KILL ME, IS THAT RIGHT?
FOR MY SAKE...
BAKU-SAN
BUT WAIT
NO, NO, KAJI-CHAN, I TOLD YOU THAT I WILL BE THE SACRIFICE
SINCE I'M GOOD WITH THIS, PLEASE SAVE BAKU-SAN!
HEH...
YOU BA-STARDS ...
KILL ME, KILL ME!
NOW, KILL ME!

HA-
HA
MUAHA-
HA-HA
HEHEH...

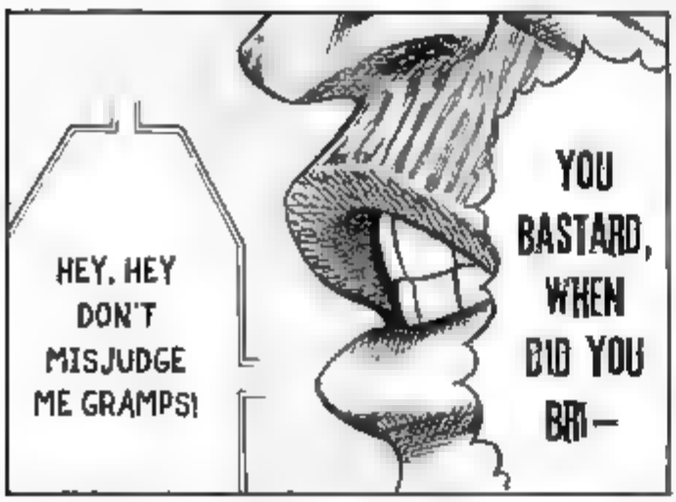
YOU.. YOU
ARE AWESOME
BAKU-SAN!
EVERYTHING UP
UNTIL NOW HAS
HAPPENED AS
YOU EXPECTED!
ha-
ha-
ha

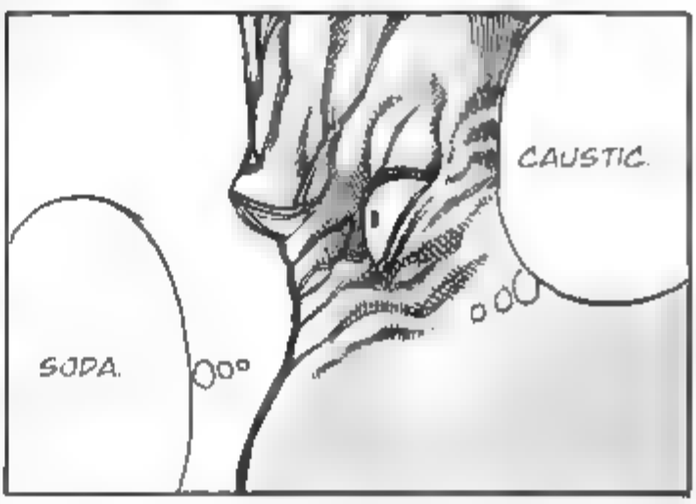
HEY
GRAMPS
IT'S NOT
LIKE WE'D
NEED YOU TO
SAVE US
OUR PLAN
IS STILL
ONGOING

MY VICTORY IS...
HEHE
HEHE
HEH
HEH
ALMOST DECIDED!

ARGH
AH
KILL THEM... KILL THEM QUICKLY!
HEY RODEMU! WHAT HAVE YOU BEEN DOING THERE?
UGH
AH
MOVE YOUR HAND, RODEMU!
AH, THAT'S IMPOSSIBLE. RODEMJ CAN'T DO THAT RGHT NOW
Cough
RODEMU, CAN YOU HEAR ME?
Cough
RODEMU IS NOT CURRENTLY AVAILABLE. I ASSUME THAT YOU DON'T KNOW RODEMU'S CURRENT SITUATION, BUT HIS ENTIRE BODY...

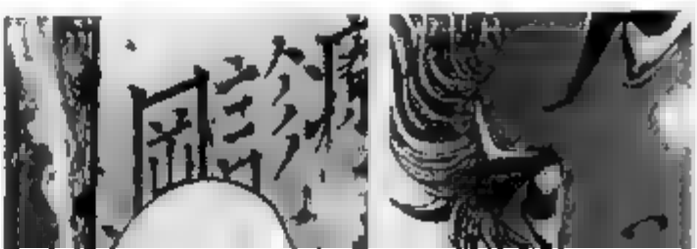
IS SOAKED IN CAUSTIC SODA!

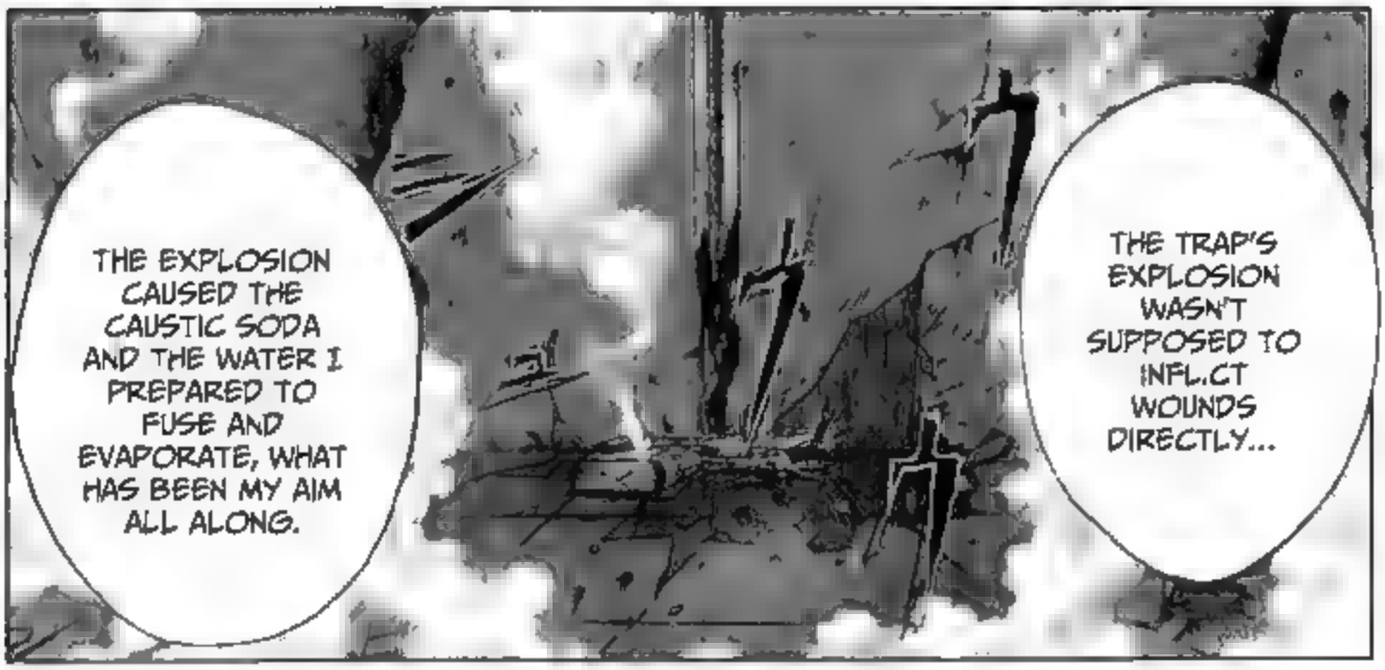

HEY, HEY DON'T MISJUDGE ME GRAMPS!
YOU BASTARD, WHEN DID YOU BRI—

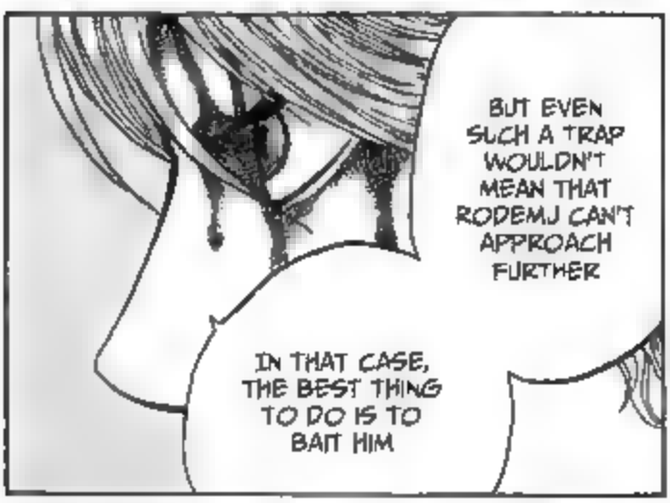

CAUSTIC.
SODA.

I RECOVERED SOME OF THAT STUFF WHILE I DISABLED THE WIRE TRAPS.... AND ABOUT THE EXPLODING TRAP...

THIS IS WHAT I FOUND AND PICKED UP WHILE I WAS HOUSE-HUNTI NG WITHIN THIS BUILDING
IS THERE ANYTHING WRONG BAKU-SAN?
I JUST WONDER IF THERE'S ANYTHING USEFUL AROUND




THE EXPLOSION CAUSED THE CAUSTIC SODA AND THE WATER I PREPARED TO FUSE AND EVAPORATE, WHAT HAS BEEN MY AIM ALL ALONG.
THE TRAP'S EXPLOSION WASN'T SUPPOSED TO INFLICT WOUNDS DIRECTLY...



NOTICING THIS SIMPLE EXPLOSIVE TRAP, RODEMU AVOIDED TAKING DAMAGE...
BUT THE LEFT LEG AND NECK OF THAT CORPSE RODEMU GRABBED HAD ALREADY BEEN CONTAMINATED WITH THE CAUSTIC SODA I PLANTED THERE.
BY EFFORTLESSLY WIELDING THAT HUMAN SHIELD THAT ONCE HAS BEEN YOUR SHOGI* PIECE.

*SHOGI IS THE NAME FOR A JAPANESE GAME LIKE CHESS

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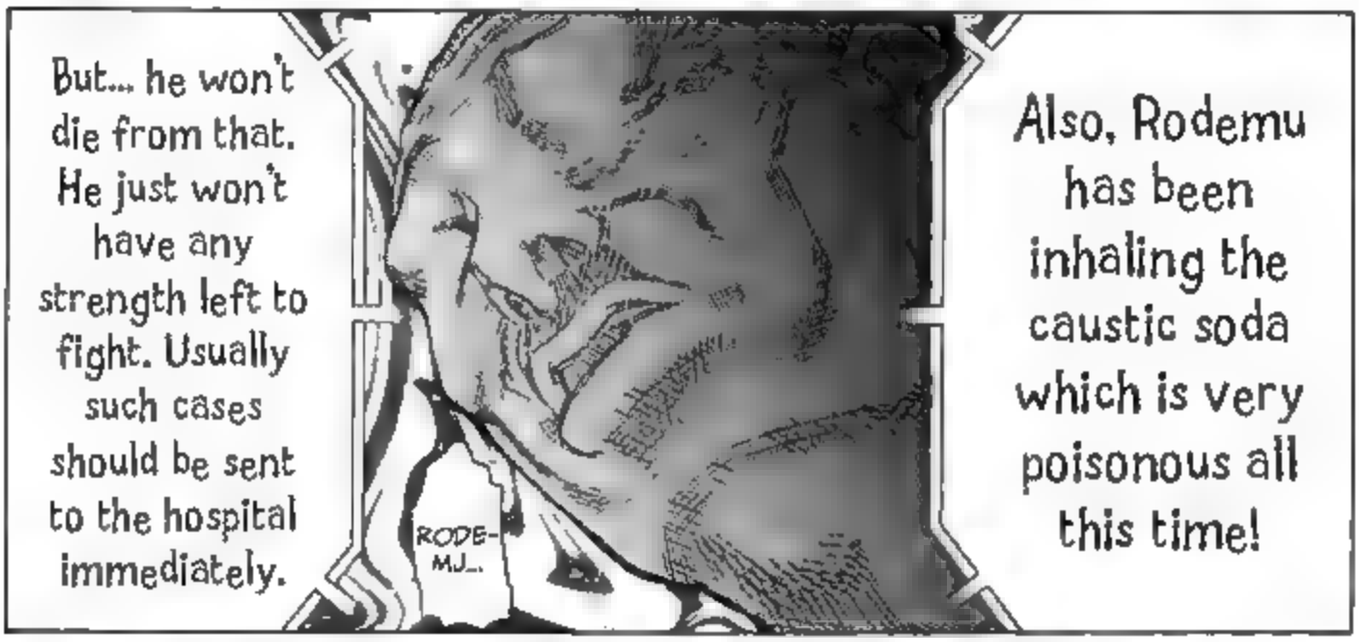
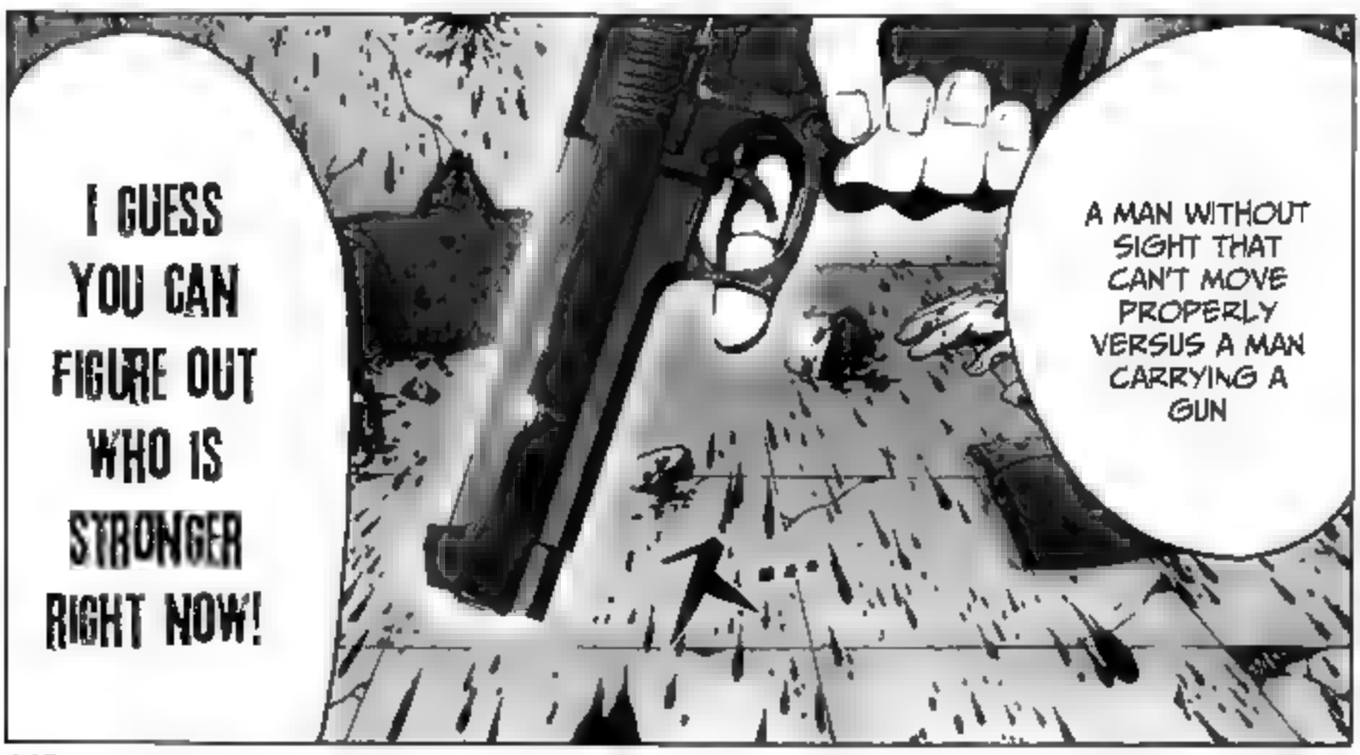
AND THEN THOSE EYES HAVE BEEN TOUCHED BY HIS HANDS THAT ALREADY HAVE BEEN COVERED IN CAUSTIC SODA.
THE EVAPORATED CAUSTIC SODA IRRITATED RODEMU'S EYES
DRIVEN BY THEIR INSTINCTS, HUMANS WIPE THEIR EYES WHEN THEY COME INTO CONTACT WITH A FOREIGN SUBSTANCE


But... he won't die from that. He just won't have any strength left to fight. Usually such cases should be sent to the hospital immediately.
RODE-MU...
Also, Rodemu has been inhaling the caustic soda which is very poisonous all this time!


I GUESS YOU CAN FIGURE OUT WHO IS STRONGER RIGHT NOW!
A MAN WITHOUT SIGHT THAT CAN'T MOVE PROPERLY VERSUS A MAN CARRYING A GUN

BUT YOU SAID THAT YOU WERE GOING TO SAVE MY LIFE
AHH
IT DOESN'T MATTER RODEMU
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JUMP!
HEY GRAMPS, YOU ARE...
GO ON LIKE THAT AND KILL HIM!

A
LIAR!

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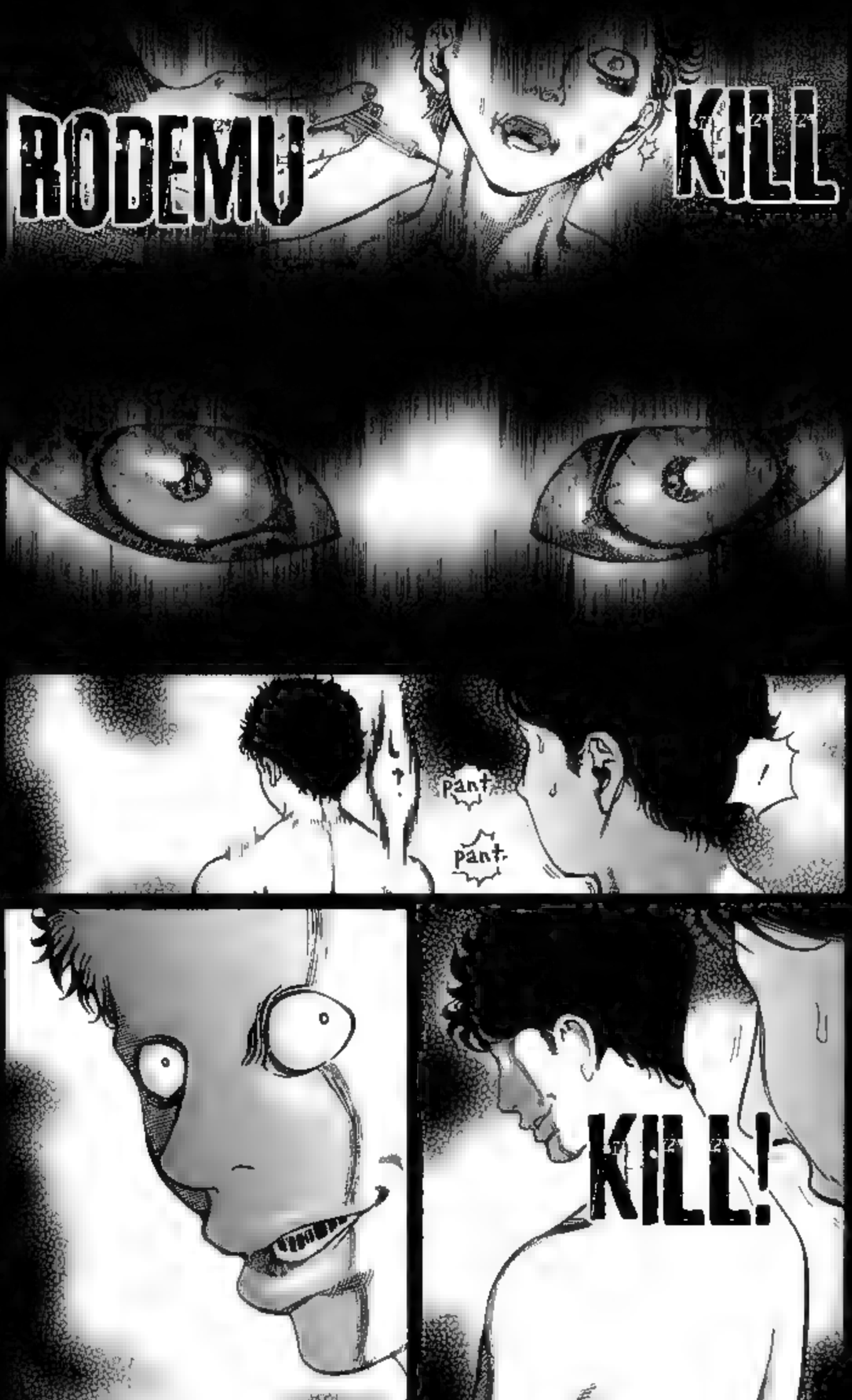
Chapter 18: The Final Move

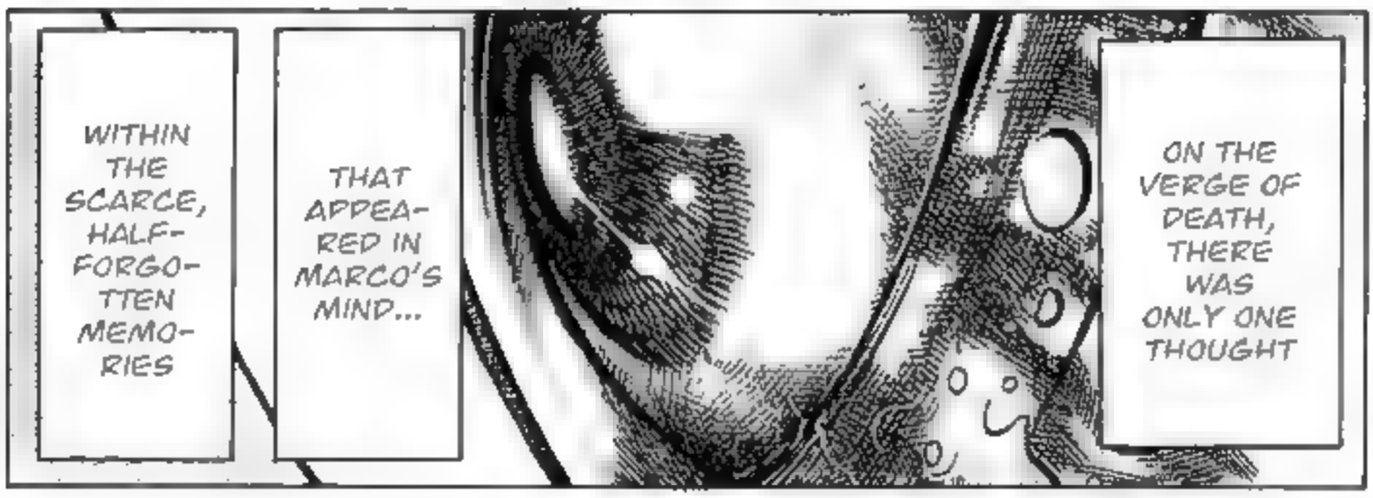
THIS IS THE END...
RODEMU
.....

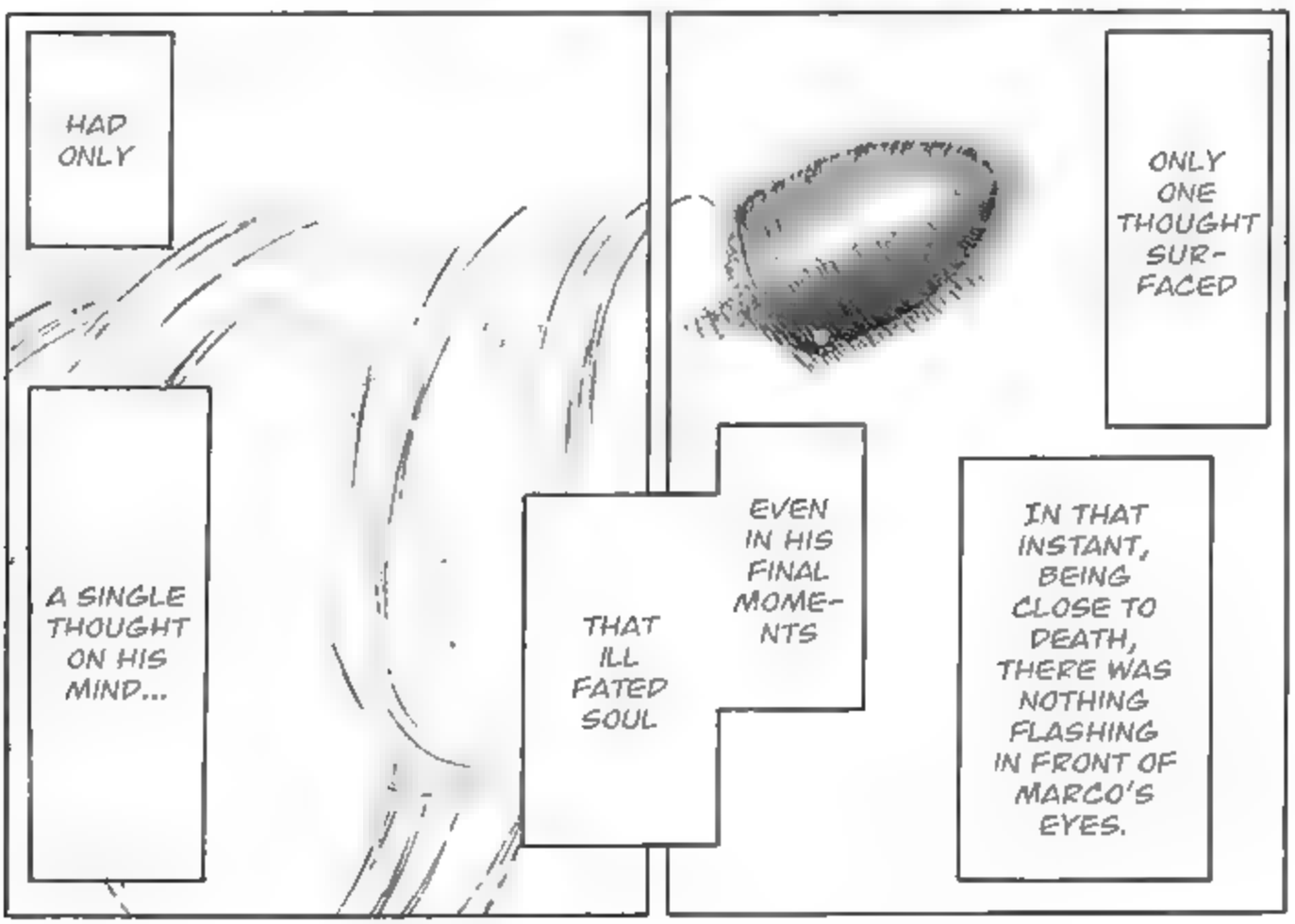
LET'S GO, MARCO

SFX ALL KILL HA HA


RODEMU
KILL
?
pant
pant
!
KILL!

INSTANT
IN THAT


WITHIN THE SCARCE, HALF-FORGOTTEN MEMORIES
THAT APPEARED IN MARCO'S MIND...
ON THE VERGE OF DEATH, THERE WAS ONLY ONE THOUGHT


HAD ONLY
A SINGLE THOUGHT ON HIS MIND...
THAT ILL FATED SOUL
EVEN IN HIS FINAL MOMENTS
ONLY ONE THOUGHT SURFACED
IN THAT INSTANT, BEING CLOSE TO DEATH, THERE WAS NOTHING FLASHING IN FRONT OF MARCO'S EYES.

WHO...
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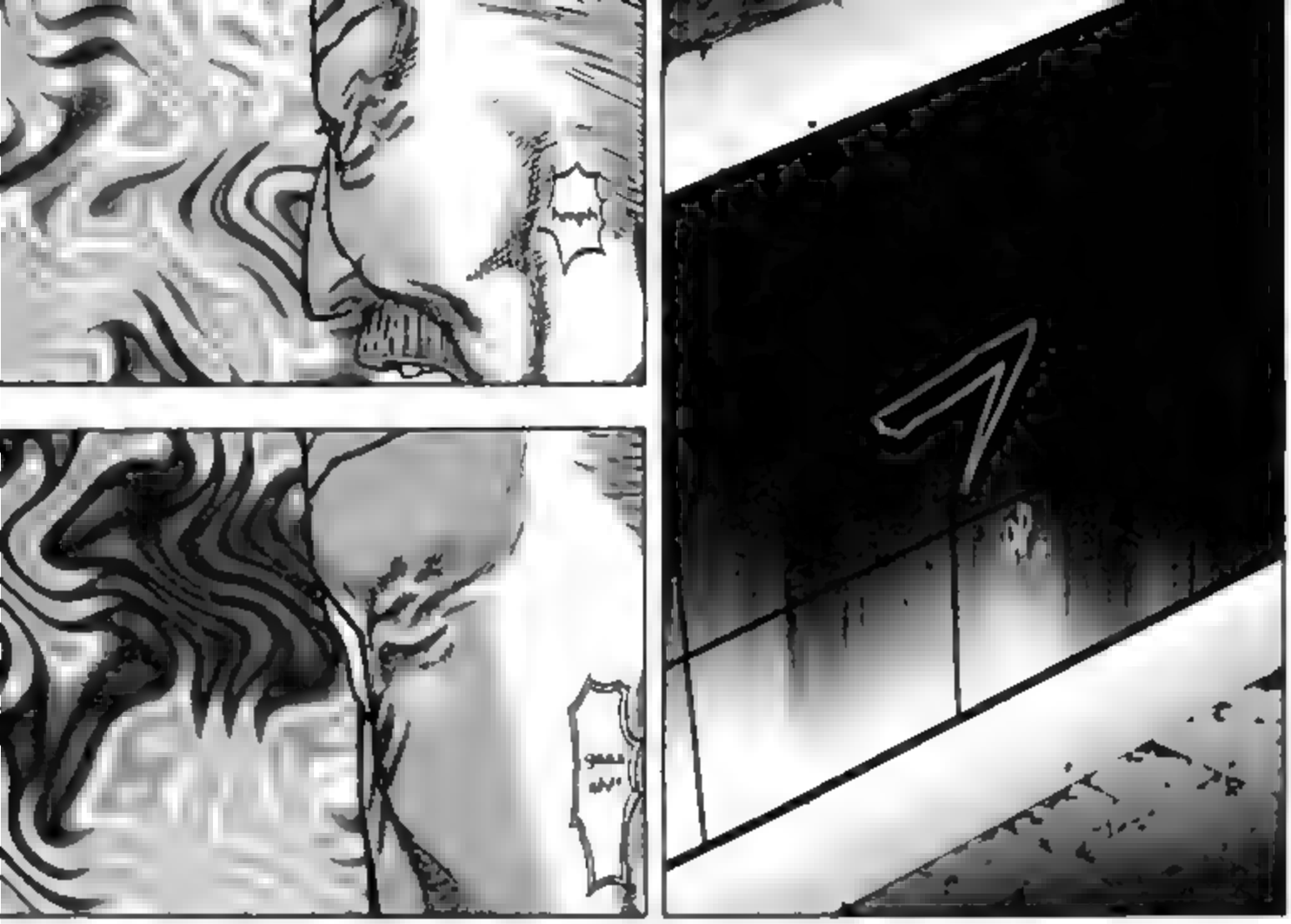
WAS I?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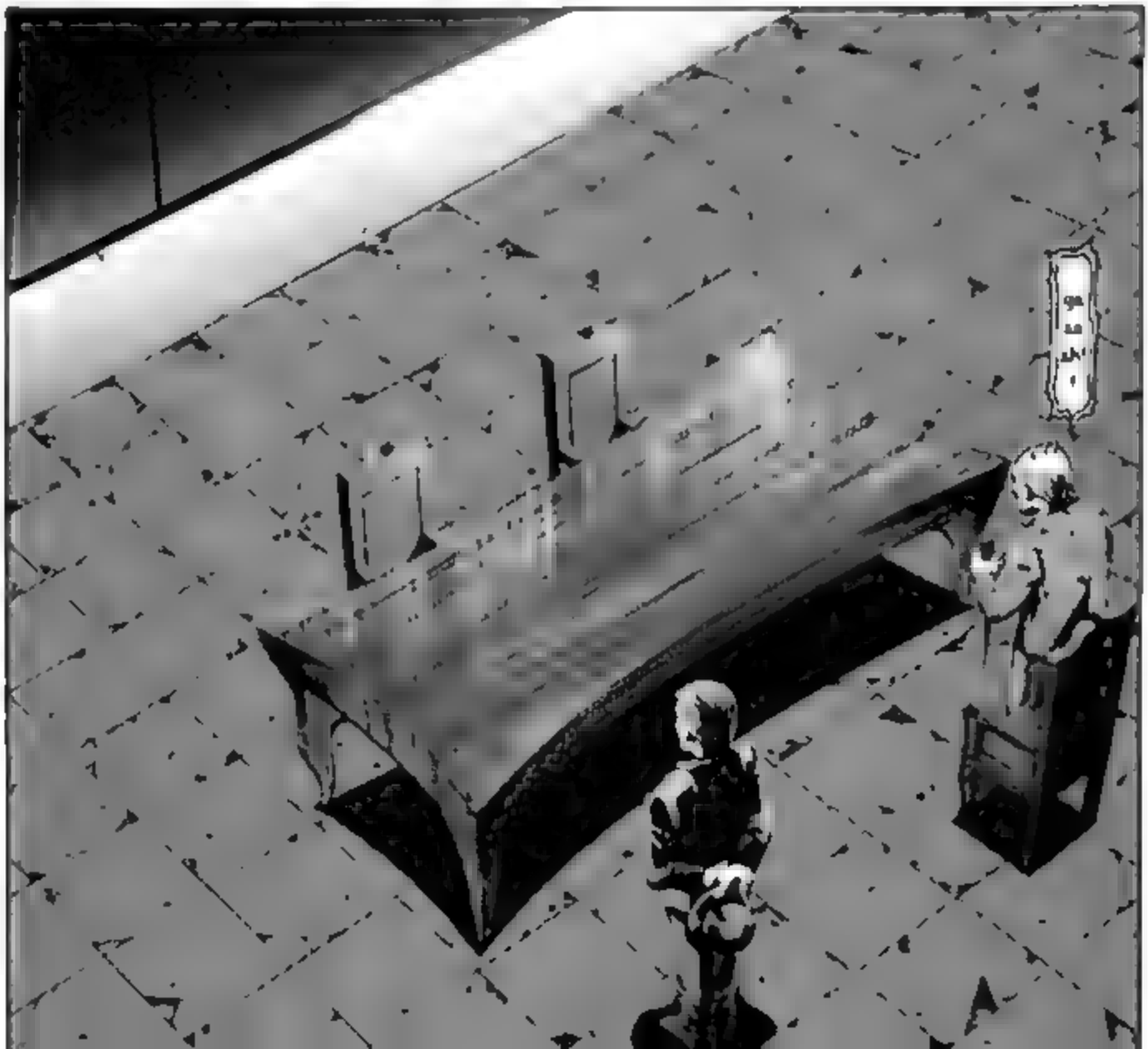
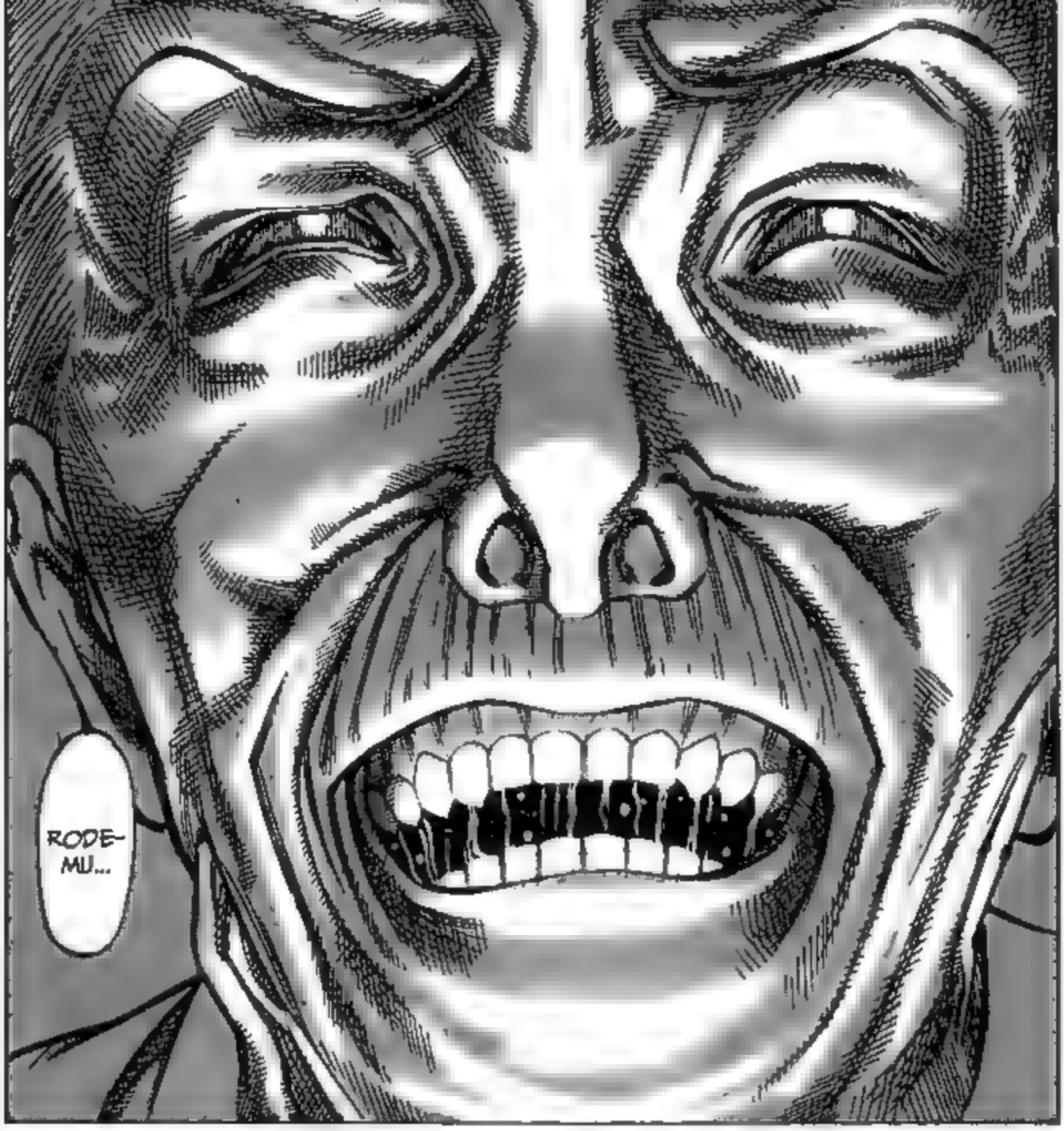
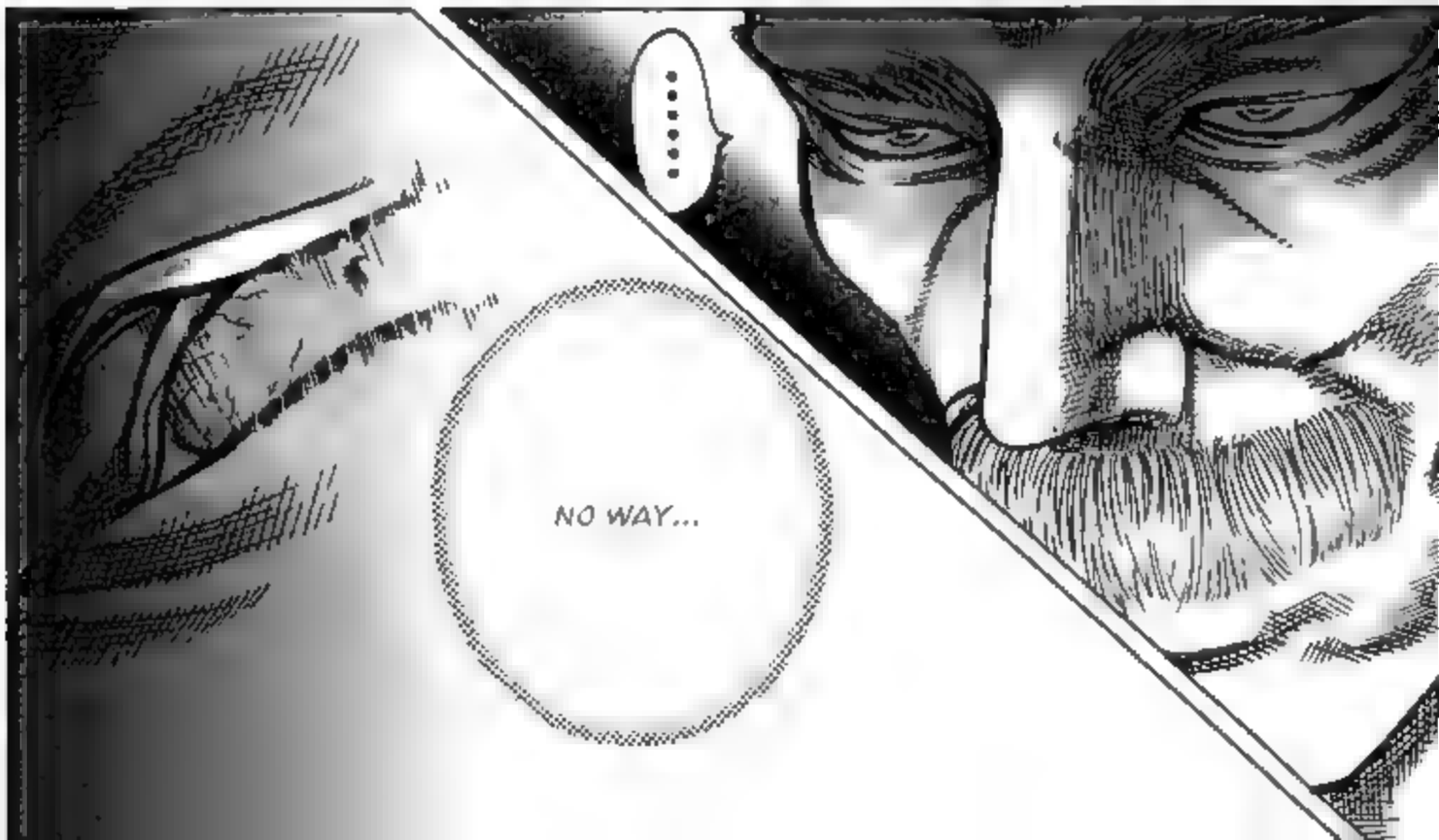



RODE-
MU...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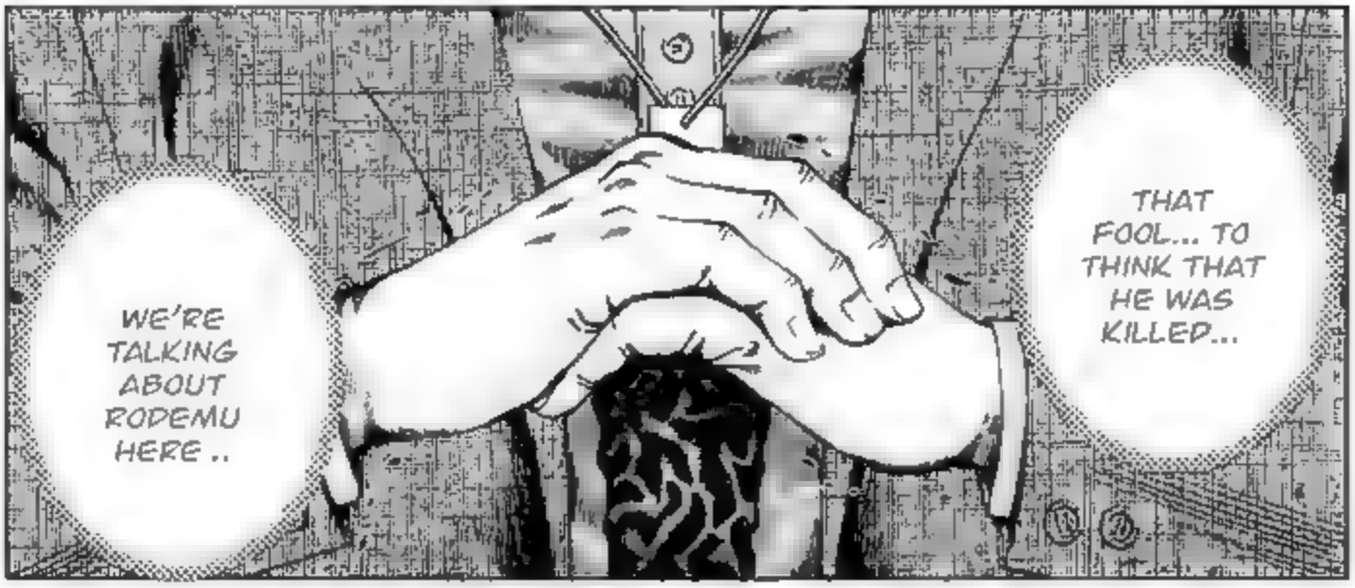
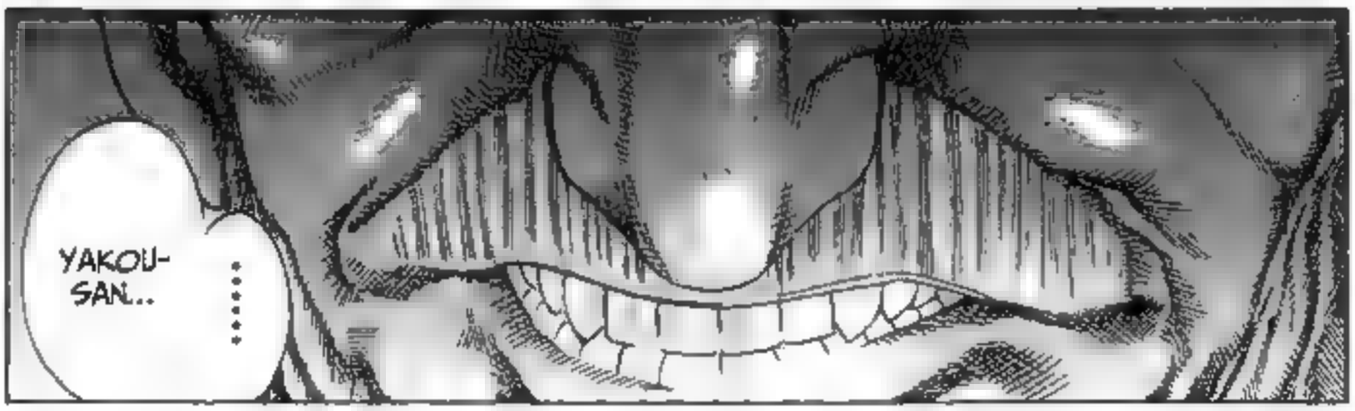
NO WAY...


WE'RE TALKING ABOUT RODEMU HERE ..
THAT FOOL... TO THINK THAT HE WAS KILLED...


YAKOU-SAN..
.....

I FEEL LIKE THERE IS STILL HOPE
...

AM I...
LOSING?
THE GAMBLE IS "WILL USOGUI'S SIDE ESCAPE" OR "WILL KOKONOE-SAMA STOP THEM"

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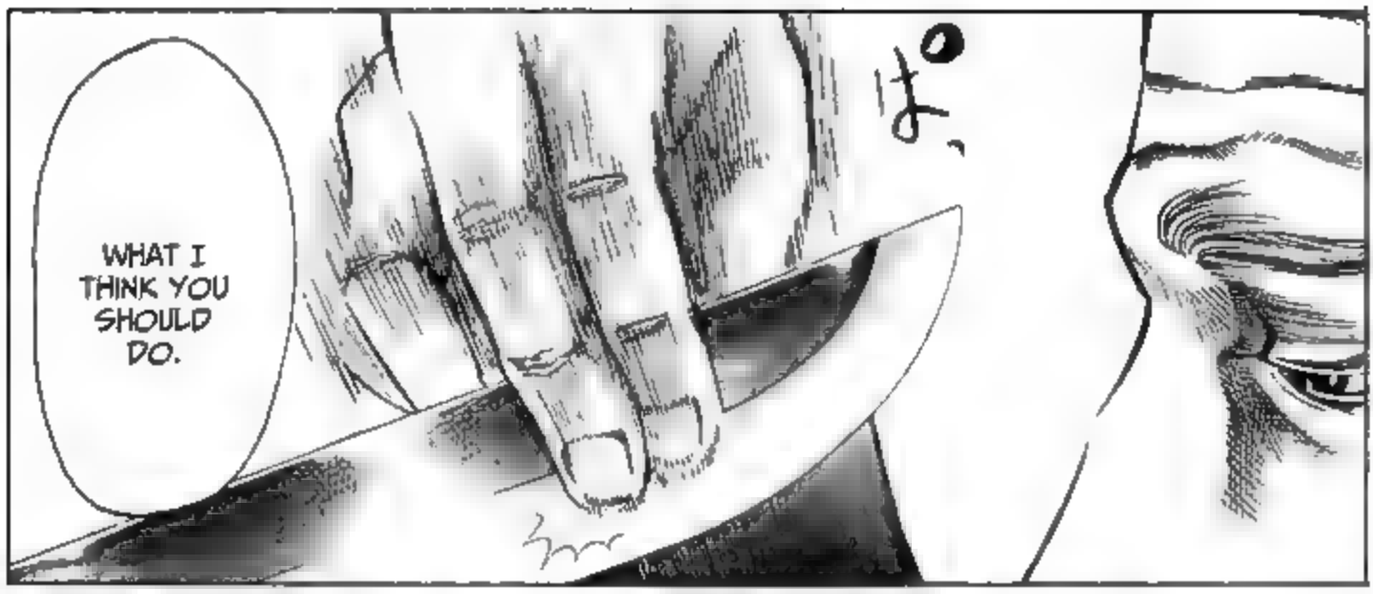
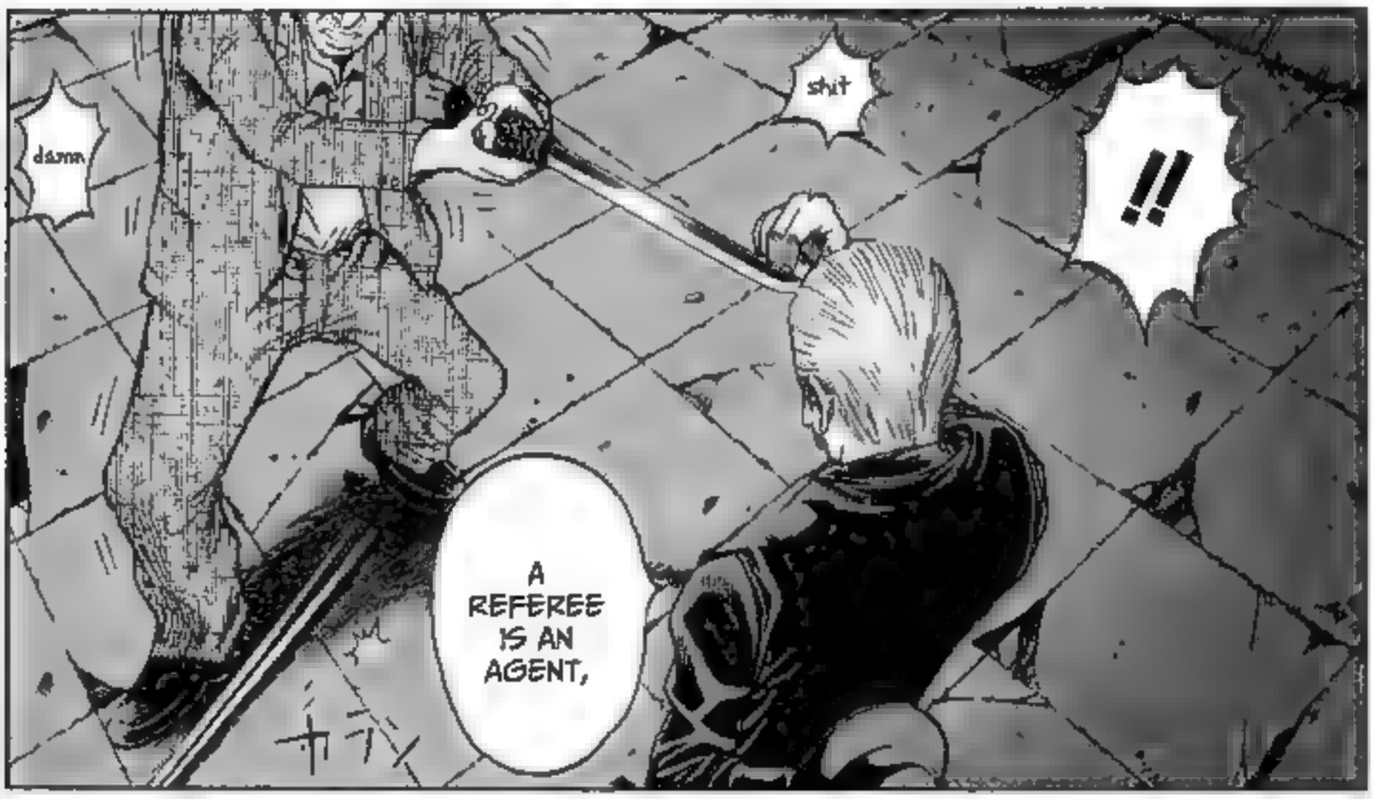
THIS GAME IS A NO-RULE GAME... SO...
THERE STILL IS A CHANCE
RIGHT

IF YOU DISAPPEAR, THE ONLY ORGANIZATION MEMBER TO KNOW ABOUT THIS GAMBLE WILL BE GONE. I MAY LOSE 10.000.000¥, BUT I'LL BE ABLE TO KEEP MY MEMBERSHIP. ISN'T THAT RIGHT?
SINCE YOU, YAKOU-SAN, ARE THIS GAME'S REFEREE...

ASSUMING THAT I WERE TO DIE... I'D WONDER IF KOKONOE-SAMA'S MEMBERSHIP WOULD STILL BE SECURED AFTER LOSING SO MUCH MONEY
SINCE I'M THE ONLY ONE WHO KNOWS ABOUT THE DETAILS OF THIS GAMBLE ...
.....
THIS CERTAINLY SOUNDS VULGAR...
THE APPROPRIATE THING FOR YOU TO DO WOULD BE TO QUIT.
BUT
THAT IS...


WHAT I THINK YOU SHOULD DO.


damn
shit
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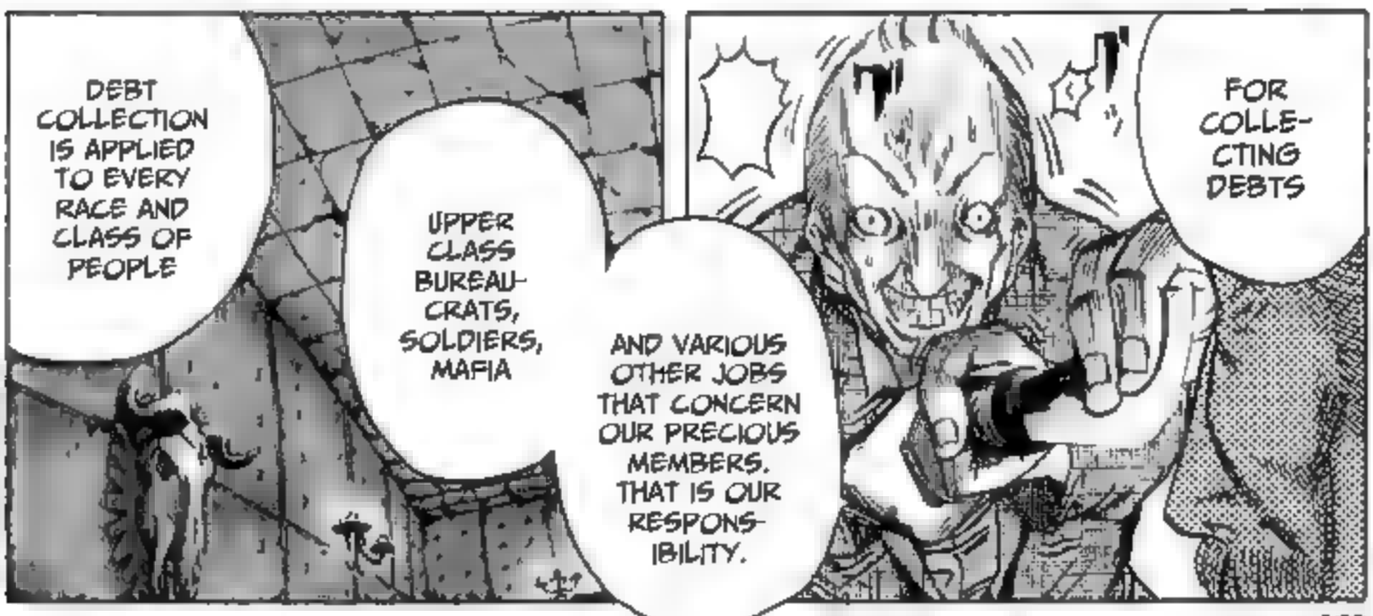
A REFEREE IS AN AGENT,


DEBT COLLECTION IS APPLIED TO EVERY RACE AND CLASS OF PEOPLE
UPPER CLASS BUREAU-CRATS, SOLDIERS, MAFIA
AND VARIOUS OTHER JOBS THAT CONCERN OUR PRECIOUS MEMBERS. THAT IS OUR RESPONS-IBILITY.
FOR COLLE-CTING DEBTS

WE ARE A GROUP OF SELECTED PEOPLE
BEING TAKEN DOWN BY A MAN WHO LOST HIS MIND AND DRENCHED HIMSELF IN THE BLOOD OF OTHERS...
IS NUT_
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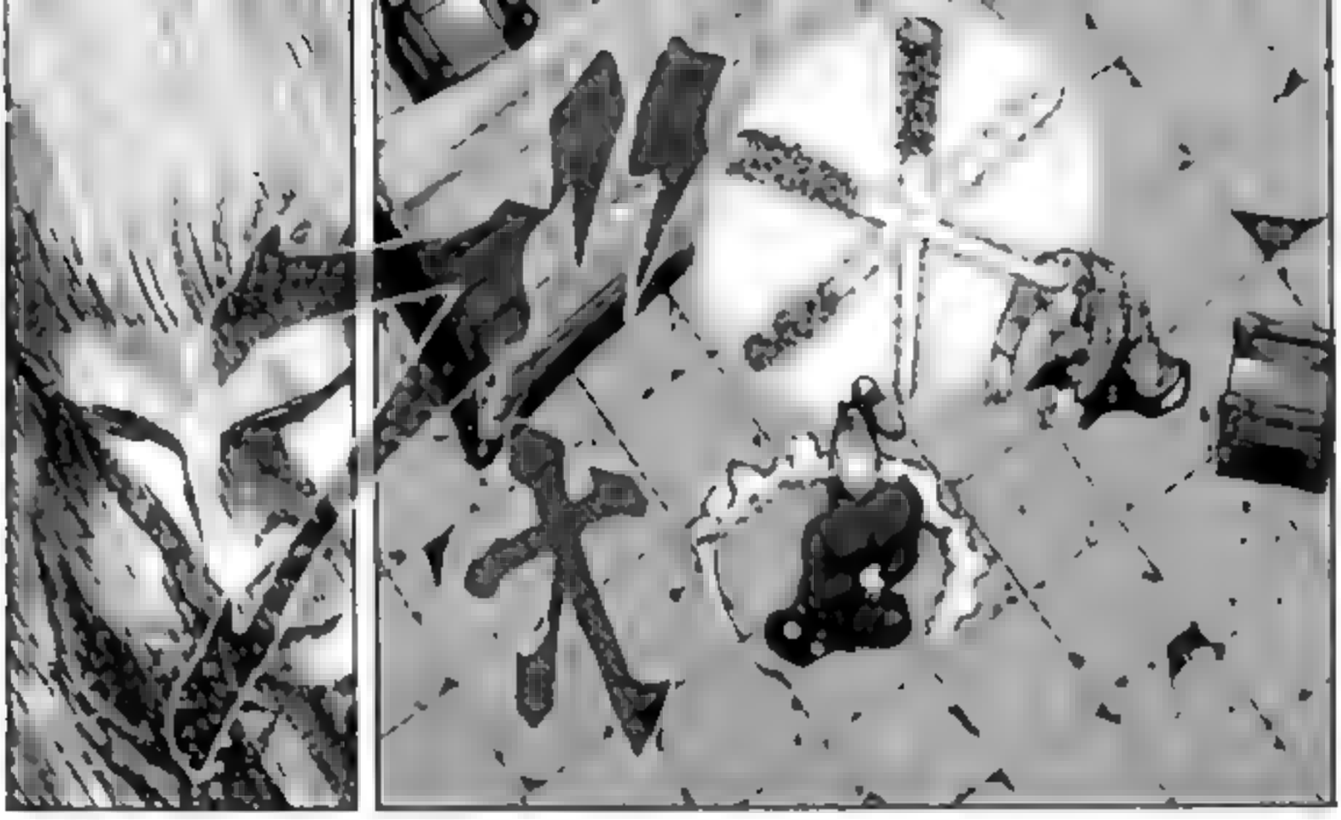
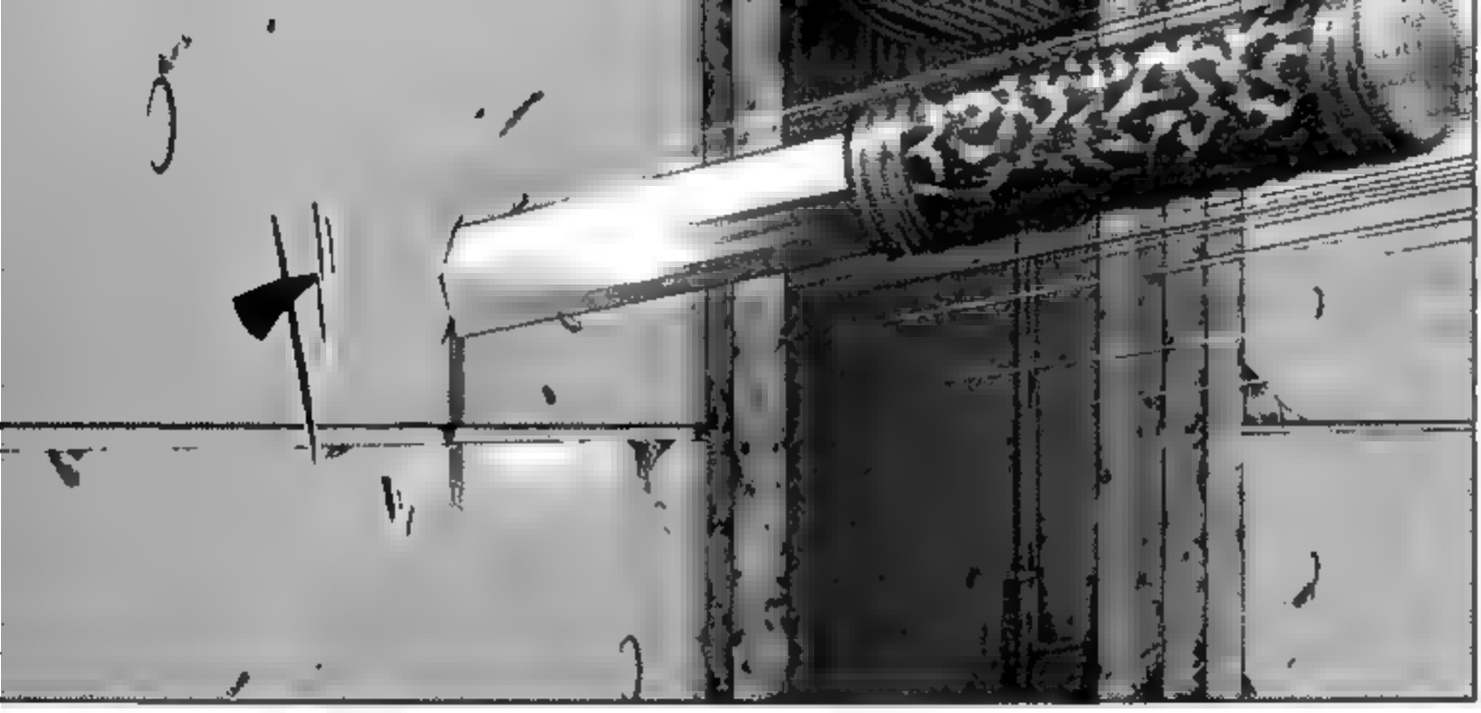


WHAT WOULD SUIT A REFEREE!



KOKONOE SAMA, YOU HAVE ALREADY SAID THAT...
...
HMM...

TO OBTAIN THE TRUE MEANING OF LIFE...
ugh...
YOU HAVE TO SURPASS THE BITTERNESS AND THE HELLFIRE THAT BURNS YOUR BODY.
ONLY BY BEARING THOSE WOUNDS YOU WILL BE ABLE TO ACHIEVE THAT.

I WONDER,
WHO WILL GET BJRNT UP AHEAD.

WENT THROUGH HELLFIRE, SAW THE DEPTHS OF HELL AND STILL...
.....
YOU, REALLY...

YOU ARE TELLING ME THAT YOU CAN OBTAIN THE REAL MEANING OF LIFE?
YOU CAN OBTAIN THAT "THING"?
第19話
"生"を掴み取れ

I'VE WALKED THROUGH THE BATTLEGROU-NDS... AND HAVE SEEN PLENTY LIFE AND DEATH SITUATIONS.
.....
DON'T MAKE FUN OF IT, YAKOU...

I HAVE ALREADY SEEN AND TASTED ENOUGH...
HELL...
AS FOR MY WOUNDS... I'VE HAD PLENTY LIFE OR DEATH BETS.

ALL YOU DID WAS... PLAY YOUR LITTLE TRICKS, STEAL FROM THE WEAKLINGS AND HAVE FUN WITH THE MASSACRES THAT TOOK PLACE.
DON'T TALK AS IF BATTLE-GROUNDS WERE LIKE HELL FOR YOU...
...

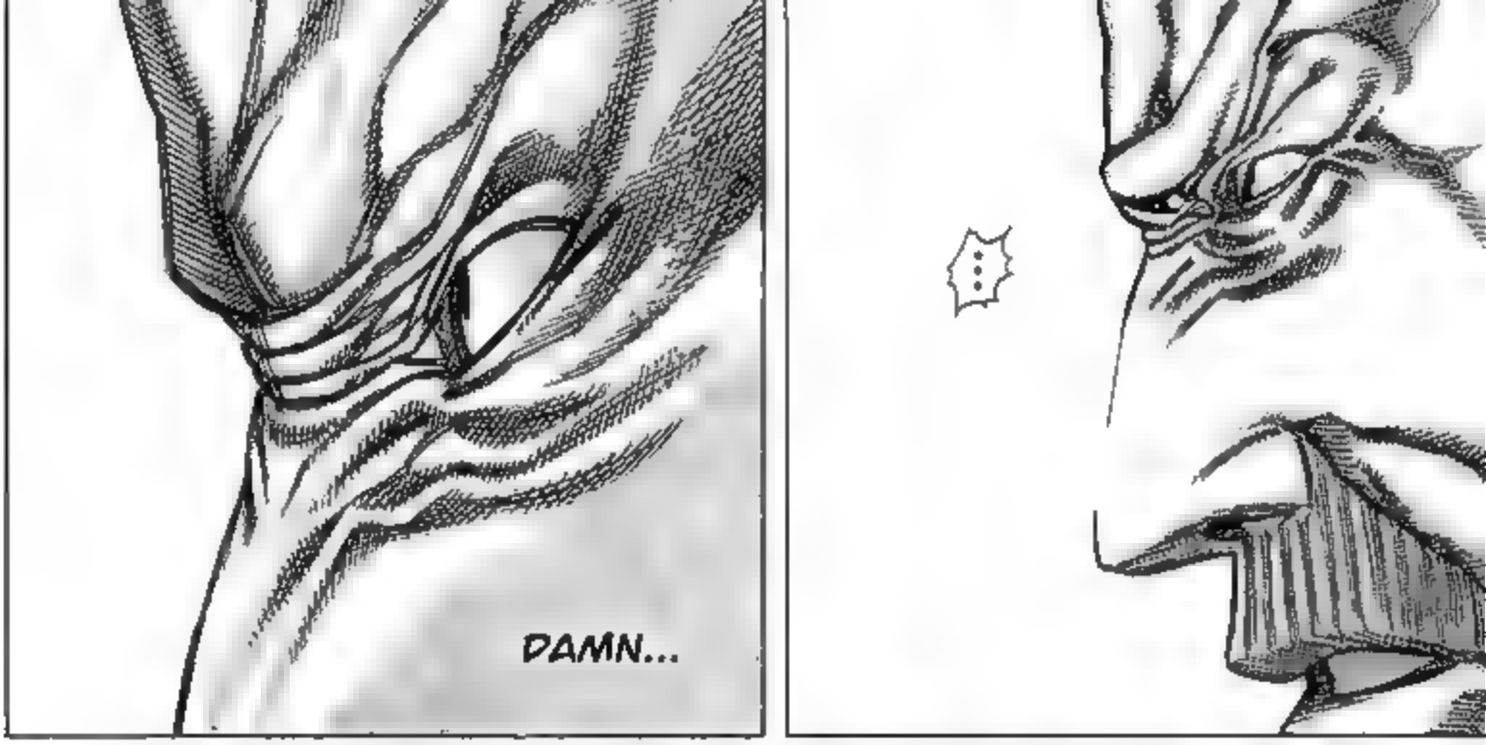
You are only indulged in...
The waves of pleasure!

Am I wrong? Q-chan?

WHY DID YOU COME HERE? USOGUI...
IS SOMEONE STILL AT THE 6TH FLOOR?
TCH
...
FROM ALL THOSE HUMAN EXPERIMENTS I CAME ACROSS ON THE BATTLEFIELD,
SO JUST GET OUT AND WIN THE GAMBLE.
YOU BASTARDS STILL CARRY YOUR GUNS WHILE I DON'T HAVE ANY WEAPONS...
MARCO WAS THE ONLY SUCCESSFUL ONE... SO WHEN I SEE YOU, THE GUY WHO KILLED HIM, I CAN FEEL THE BLOOD BOILING IN MY VEINS...
THE 10.000.000 YEN AND THE MEMBERSHIP ARE YOURS.
JUST GET THE FUCK OUT OF HERE!!!

IT WAS YOU WHO MADE THIS GAMBLE TO INVOLVE KILLINGS.
SO, THIS GAMBLE WILL BE OVER WHEN EITHER OF US DIES OR I LEAVE THE BUILDING.
!
DO YOU THINK THAT I'D JUST ACCEPT THAT OFFER?
HUH?

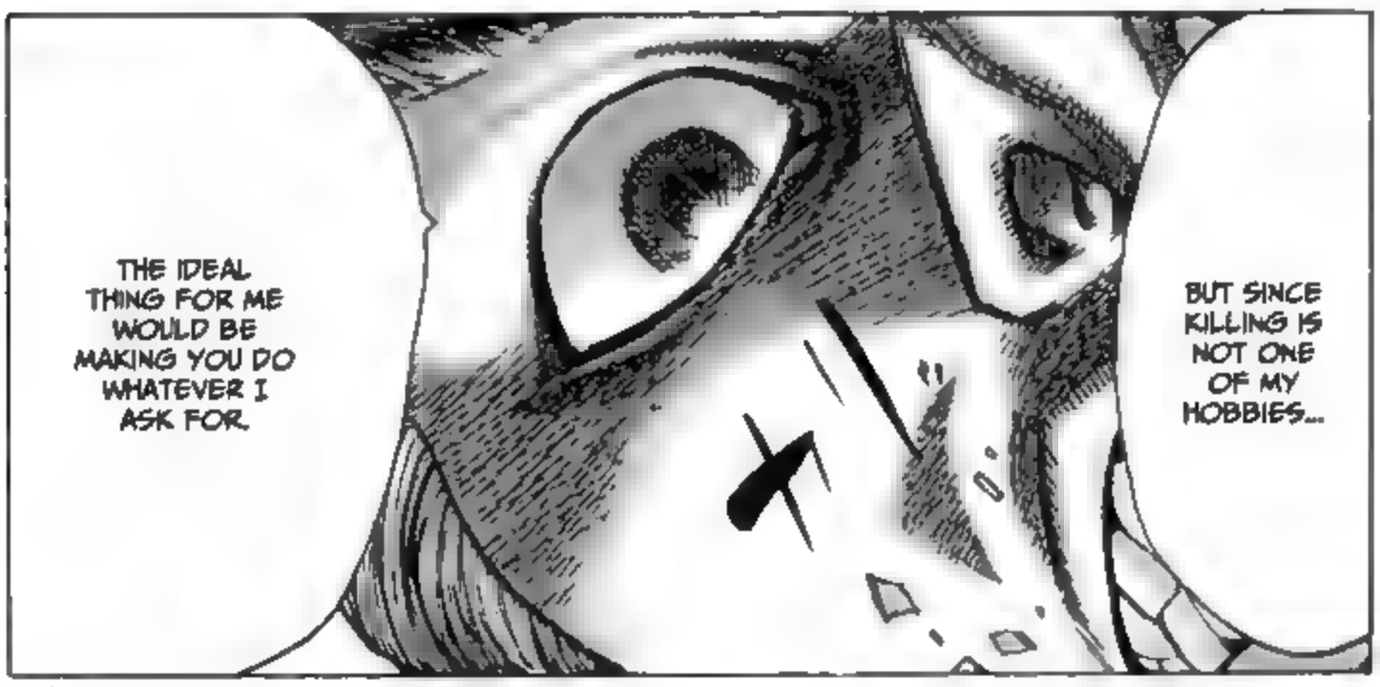
I SHOULD...
BESIDES, THIS IS A NO-RULE GAME. AND SINCE I HAVE YOU WITHIN MY GRASP...
GET SOMETHING MORE OUT OF THIS SITUATION INSTEAD OF LEAVING THIS PLACE IN A HURRY...


DAMN...

YOU WANT MONEY, DON'T YOU? HOW MUCH DO YOU WANT? HOW MUCH DO I NEED TO TAKE OUT?
HEHE
IS IT ABOUT... MONEY?

I AM NOT A GUY WHO WOULD JUST SETTLE WITH LESS...
AH, MAN...
THIS OLD GEEZER JUST DOESN'T GET IT...

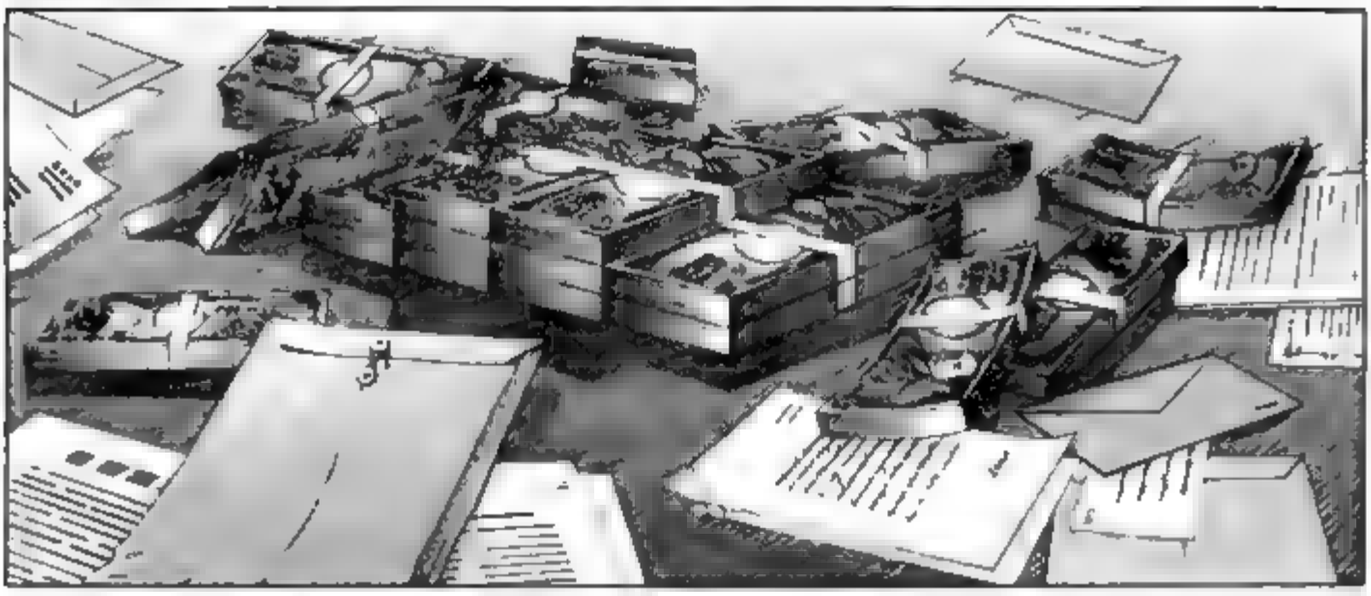
I WANT IT ALL!!!
EVERYTHING YOU'VE GOT!
YOU OLD GEEZER... CHALLENGING ME TO A NO-RULE GAMBLE WAS A FOOLING THING TO DO!


THE IDEAL THING FOR ME WOULD BE MAKING YOU DO WHATEVER I ASK FOR.
BUT SINCE KILLING IS NOT ONE OF MY HOBBIES...

SO, WHAT WILL IT BE? ARE YOU GONNA GIVE ME WHAT I'M ASKING FOR?
OR WOULD YOU PREFER I TAKE YOUR LIFE?

NORMALLY, I WOULDN'T EVEN GIVE TIME TO THINK ABOUT IT. BUT, HEY, SINCE YOUR CASE IS SPECIAL...
I'LL EVEN GIVE YOU A HAND IF YOU WISH TO COMMIT SUICIDE.

ARGH

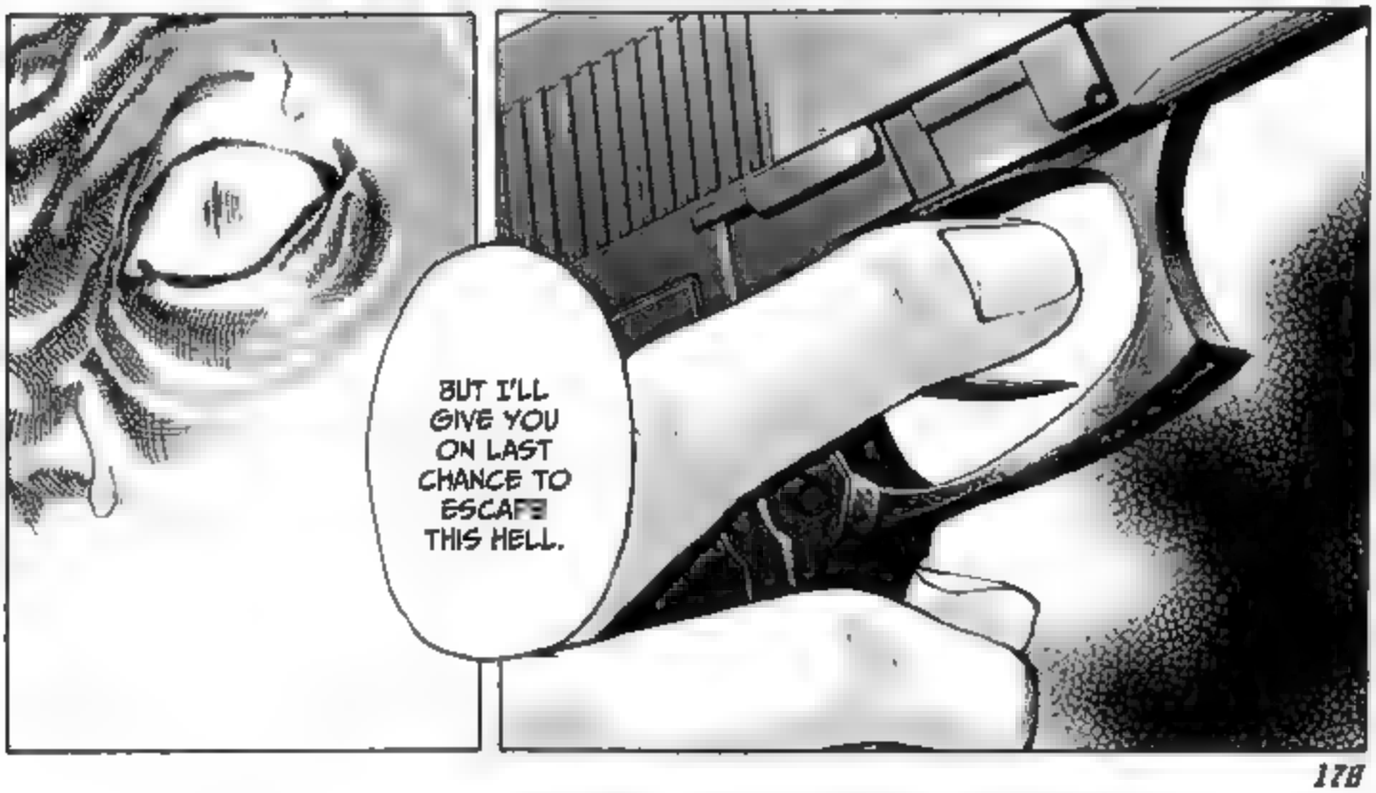


THIS IS ALL I HAVE!
THERE IS NOTHING LEFT.

HERE, 20.000.000 YEN AND THE DEEDS TO MY REAL ESTATE.
TAKE THEM AND LEAVE!

OH MY, YOU SEEM TO FORGET-TING SOME-THING HERE...
THE ONE WHO IS GONNA GET OUT...
IS YOU...
THIS BUILDING HAS PASSED TO MY POSSESSION NOW.

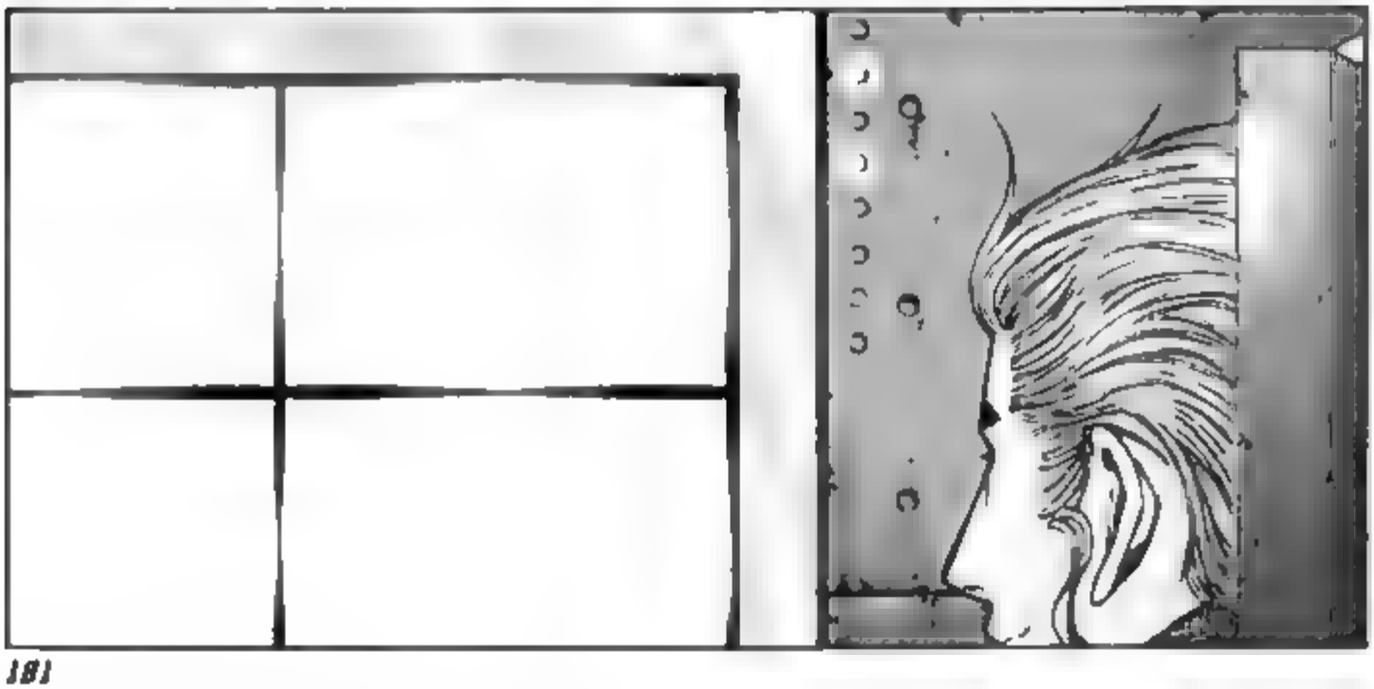
AND DO YOU THINK I WOULD JUST LET YOU WALK OUT OF THE BUILDING?
YOU KNOW, WE BOTH USED OUR LIVES AS A BET FOR THIS GAMBLE.


BUT I'LL GIVE YOU ON LAST CHANCE TO ESCAPE THIS HELL.

IT'S TIME FOR HUNTING!
AND YOU ARE THE PREY!

I WANNA TEACH Q-TAROU A LESSON...

THIS IS THE REAL HELL!
THIS PLACE WHICH HE IS CURRENTLY TRYING TO GET OUT FROM...



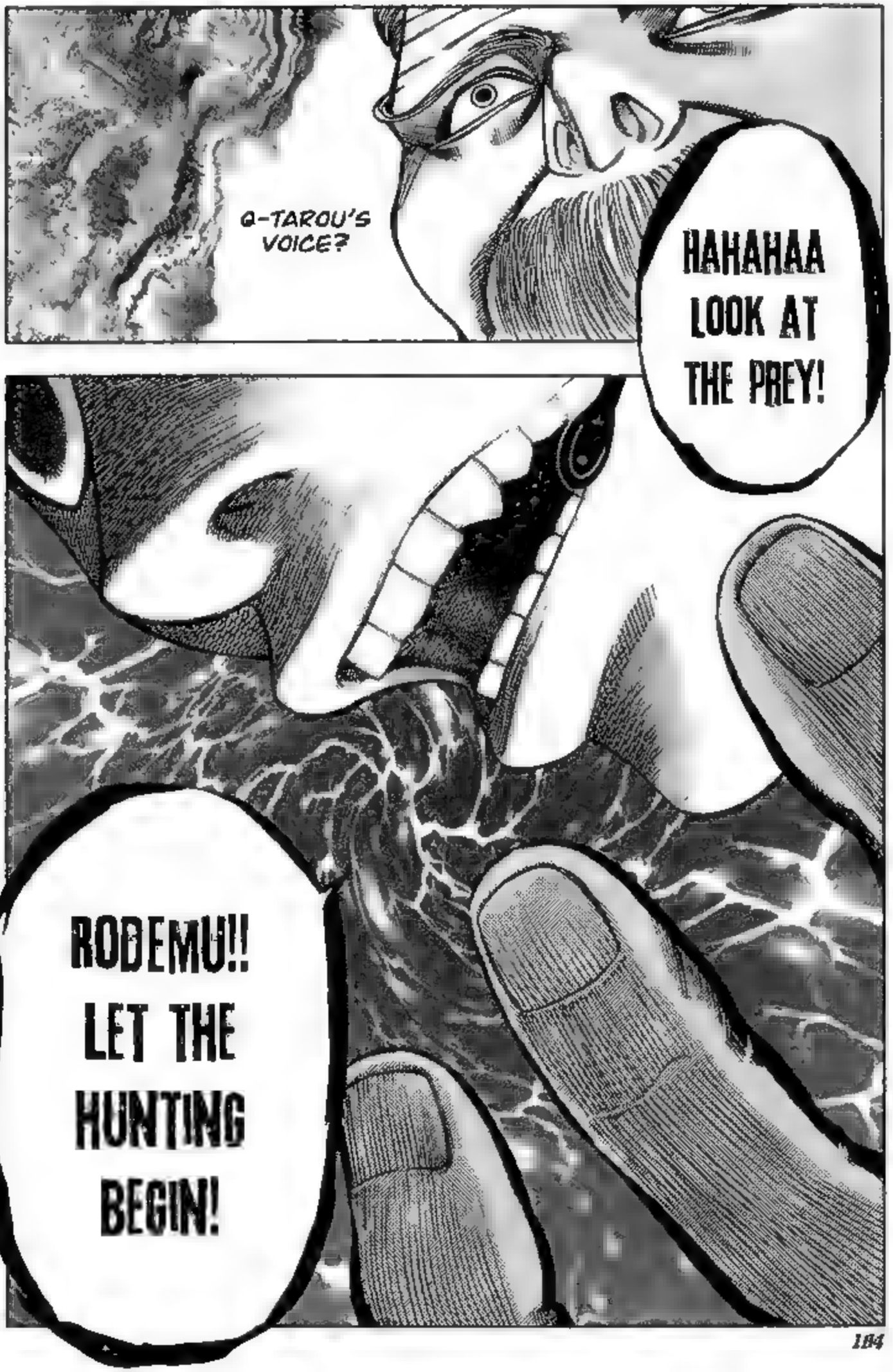
HAHAHAA... YOU MORON! AFTER YOU MADE SUCH A BEAUTIFUL COMEBACK...
SO HE THINKS HE CAN READ THE SITUATION HUH? HE HASN'T NOTICED YET!
MY VICTORY IS SEALED! ONE OF THEM IS STILL ON THE 6TH FLOOR!
USOGUI SHOULD HAVE SHOT ME RIGHT THERE... HAHAHA... I JUST WANNA WATCH HIS FACE AS HE FIGURES OUT HE'S BEEN DEFEATED!

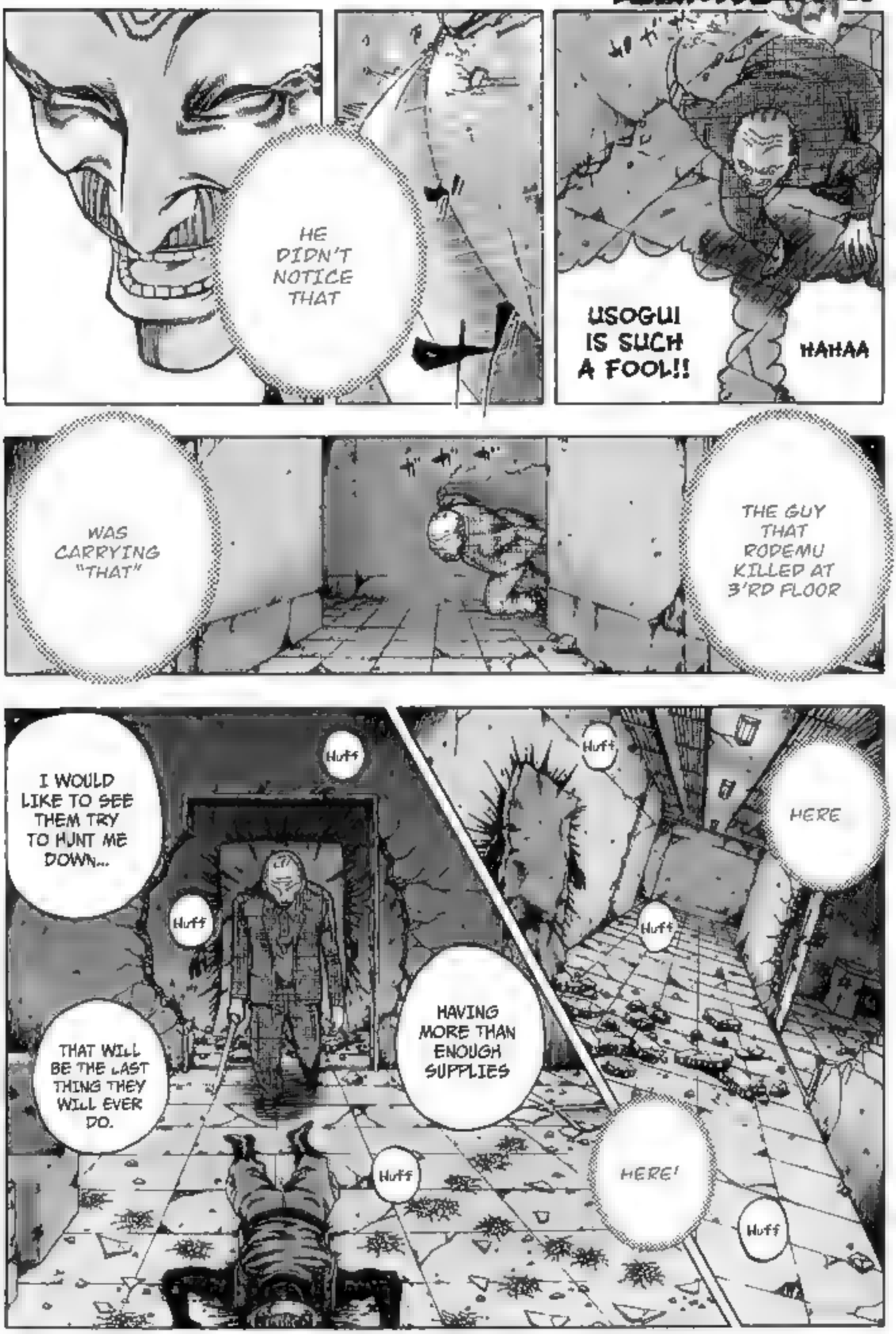
WELL, AS I ESTIMATE THE CURRENT EVENTS, IT MIGHT HAVE BEEN WISER TO SEND YOUR FREND AGAINST KOKONOE-SAM A BUT...
IS THIS ALL RIGHT WITH YOU, BAKU-SAMA?

IT'S ABOUT TO START!
EHM

HOH
HOH-HOH
ONE
TWO
hoh-ho h-hoh
TESTING
I THINK IT'S OK!

PHZ
JUST WATCH, YAKOU-SAN.


Q-TAROU'S VOICE?
HAHAHAA LOOK AT THE PREY!
RODEMU!! LET THE HUNTING BEGIN!


HE DIDN'T NOTICE THAT
USOGUI IS SUCH A FOOL!!
HAHAA
WAS CARRYING "THAT"
THE GUY THAT RODEMU KILLED AT 3'RD FLOOR
I WOULD LIKE TO SEE THEM TRY TO HUNT ME DOWN...
Huff
Huff
THAT WILL BE THE LAST THING THEY WILL EVER DO.
HAVING MORE THAN ENOUGH SUPPLIES
Huff
HERE
Huff
Huff
HERE!
Huff

IF ONLY I COULD USE THIS SUB-MACHINE GUN...

I CAN'T FIND IT ANYWHERE... NO WAY! THIS GUY SHOULD BE CARRYING RESERVES
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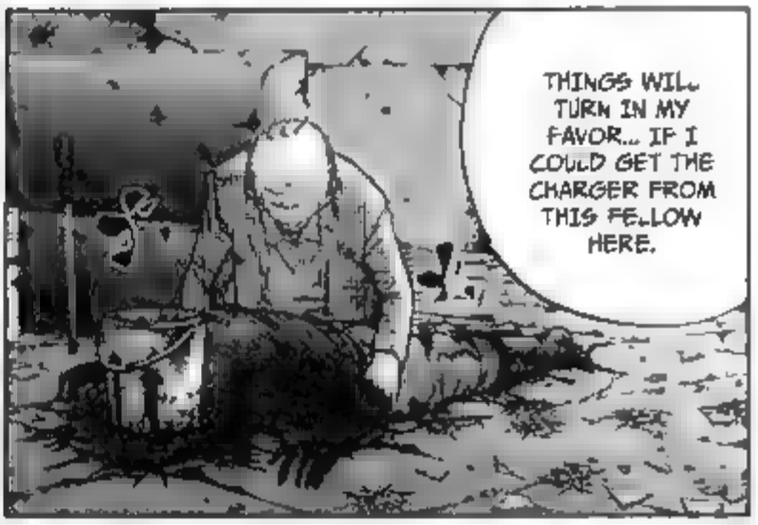
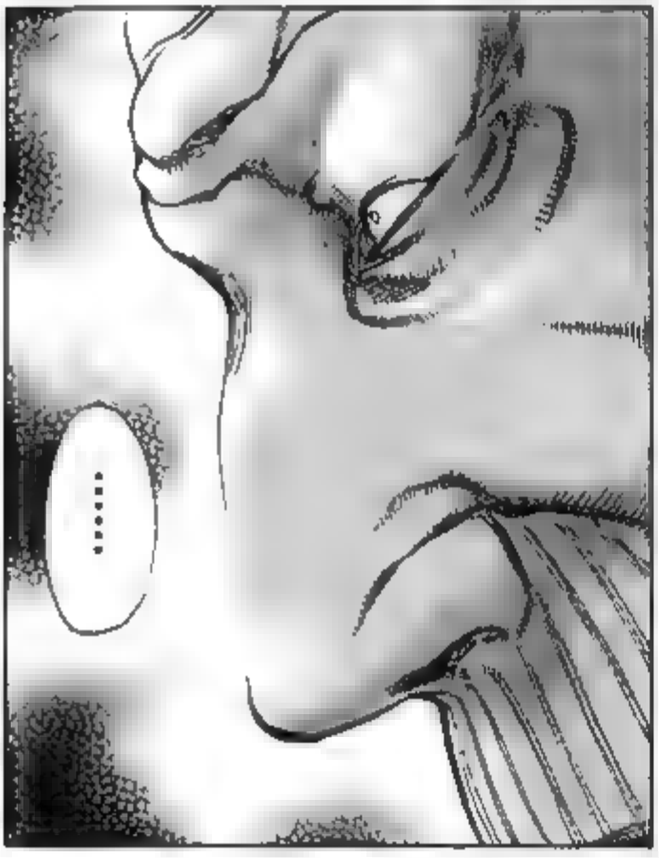

THINGS WILL TURN IN MY FAVOR... IF I COULD GET THE CHARGER FROM THIS FELLOW HERE.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IT... SHOULD BE AROUND HERE!
IT HAS TO BE SOME-WHERE ON THIS FLOOR!

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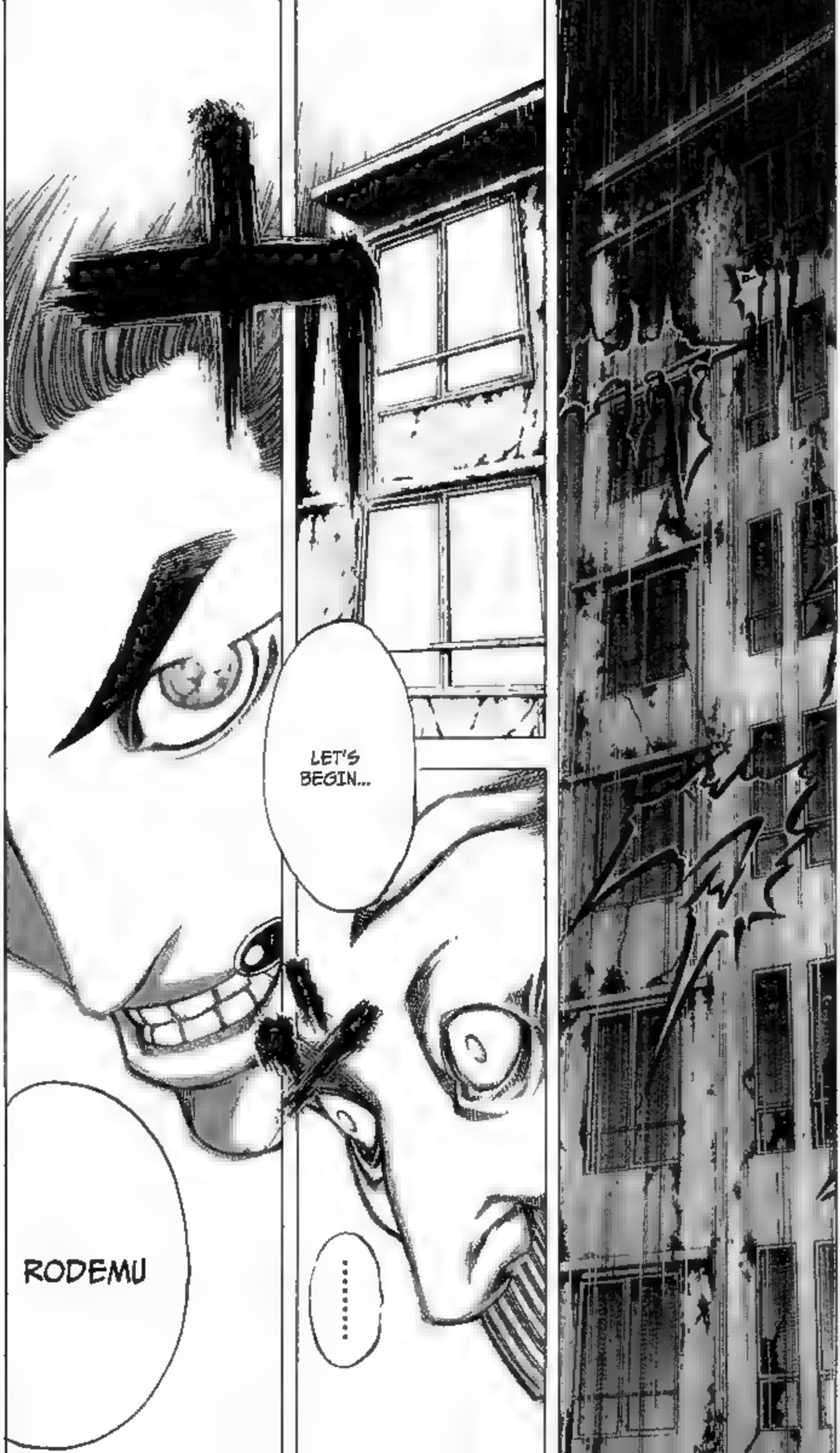
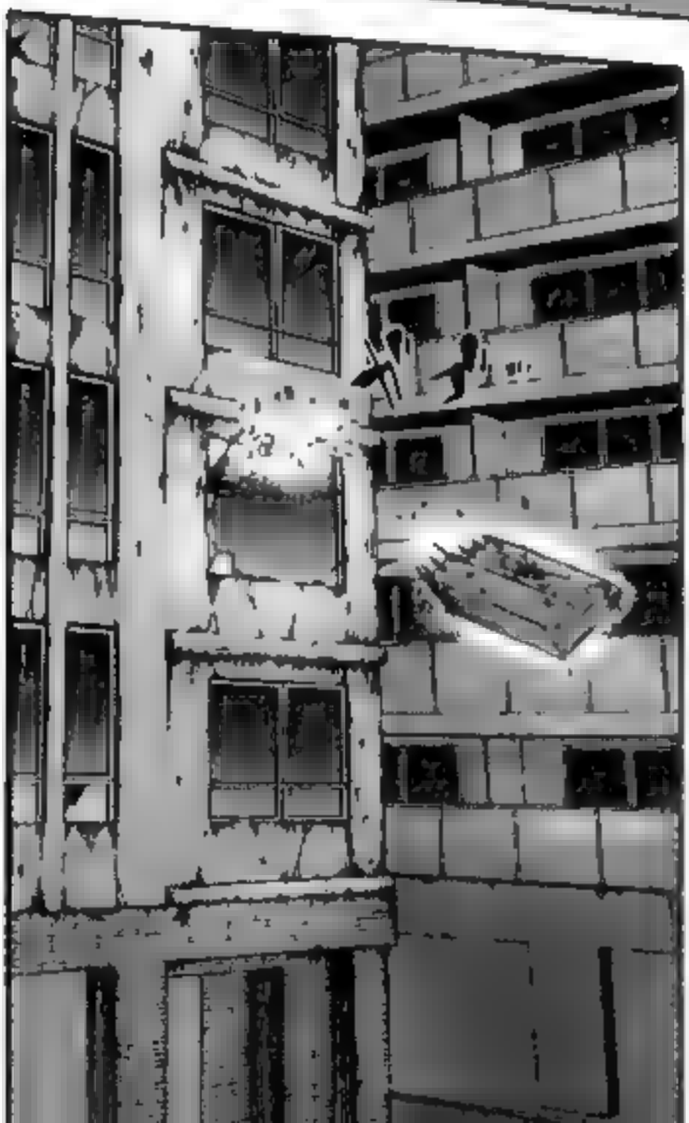

LET'S BEGIN...
RODEMU
.....

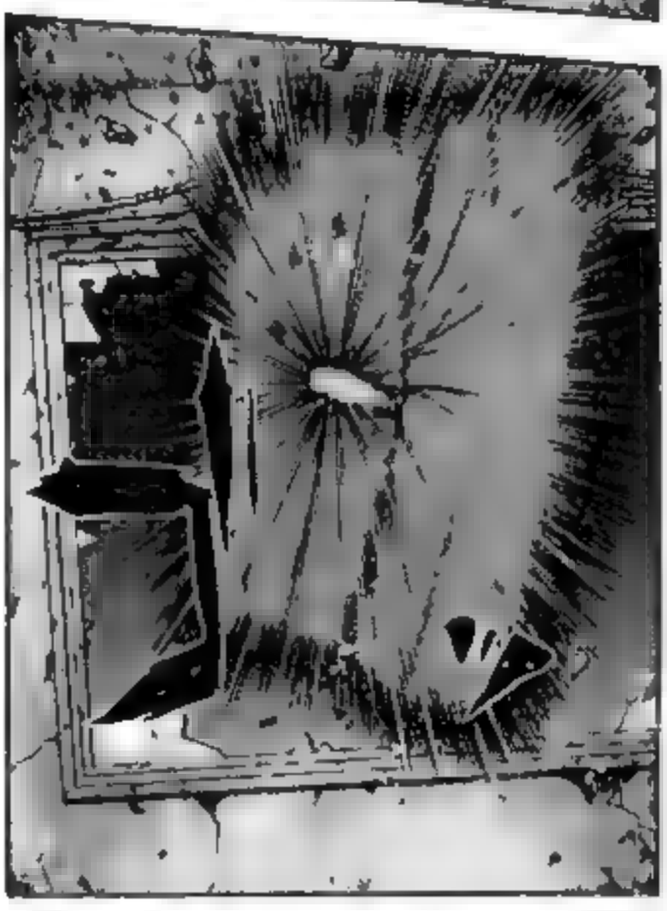
IT'S TIME TO RESUME THE HUNT!

RO...
RODEMU !!!

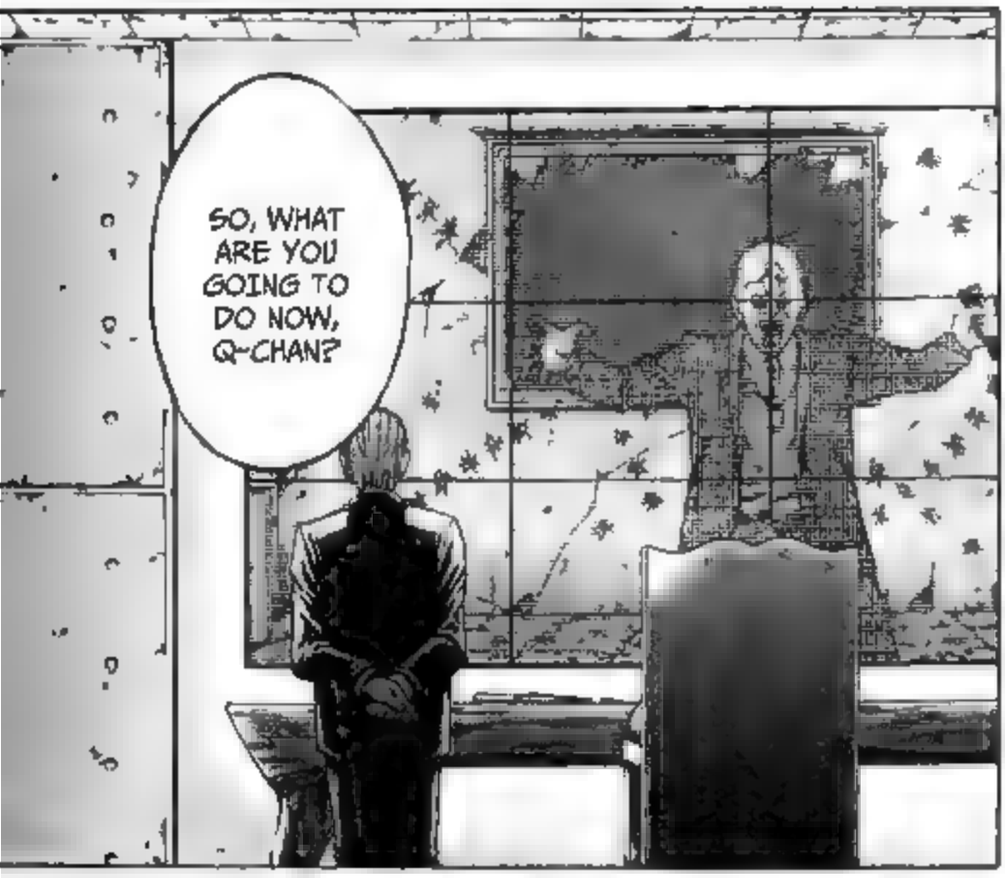
HAHAHAA, THIS IS MY LUCKY DAY. NOW, THINGS DON'T SEEM AS SCARY
Uh... Uhhhh
YOU ARE IN FOR A SURPRISE YOU DAMN USOGUI!
RODEMU... SO YOU WERE ALRIGHT...

HAHAHA. YOU HAD ME WORRIED, RODEMU





WHA... RODE-MU!!
.....
WHAT ARE YOU DOING RODE-MU?!
ROAR
ROAR
LOOK AT ME CARE-FULLY, IT'S ME!
IT'S YOUR FATHER!
OHH
OHH!
WHAT IS HAPPENING HERE?!
RODEMU!! CAN'T YOU UNDER-STAND ME?
RODEMU, YOU SIGHT HASN'T RETURNED YET.
SO FOLLOW MY INSTRU-CTIONS. YOUR PREY IS ON YOUR RIGHT


SO, WHAT ARE YOU GOING TO DO NOW, Q-CHAN?

AHHA HHAH HAHH AAAA

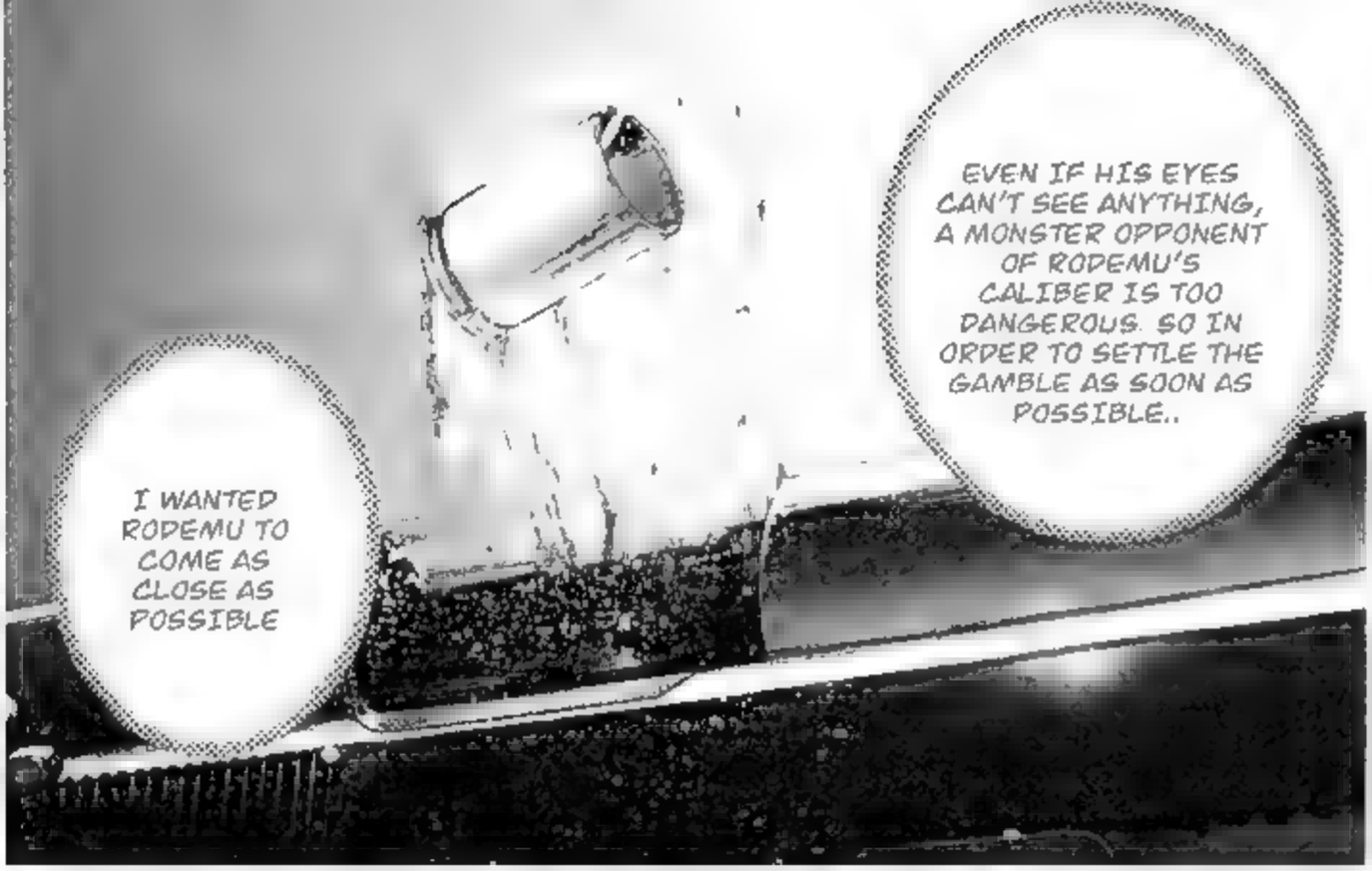
BESIDES, SOMETHING IS FISHY HERE...
THERE'S NO WAY THAT HE ENDS UP LIKE THIS AFTER HIS EYES ARE RUINED WITH CAUSTIC SODA. HE SHOULD BE SUFFERING FROM SEVERE SKIN BURNS

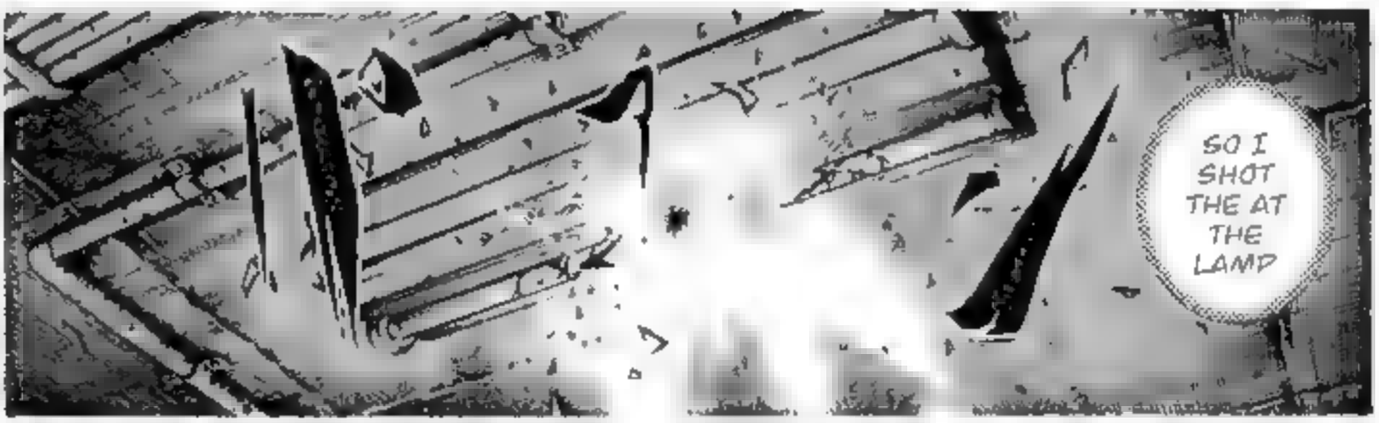
HE CAN'T HEAR MY VOICE
WHAT THE HELL IS GOING ON?!

THAT IS

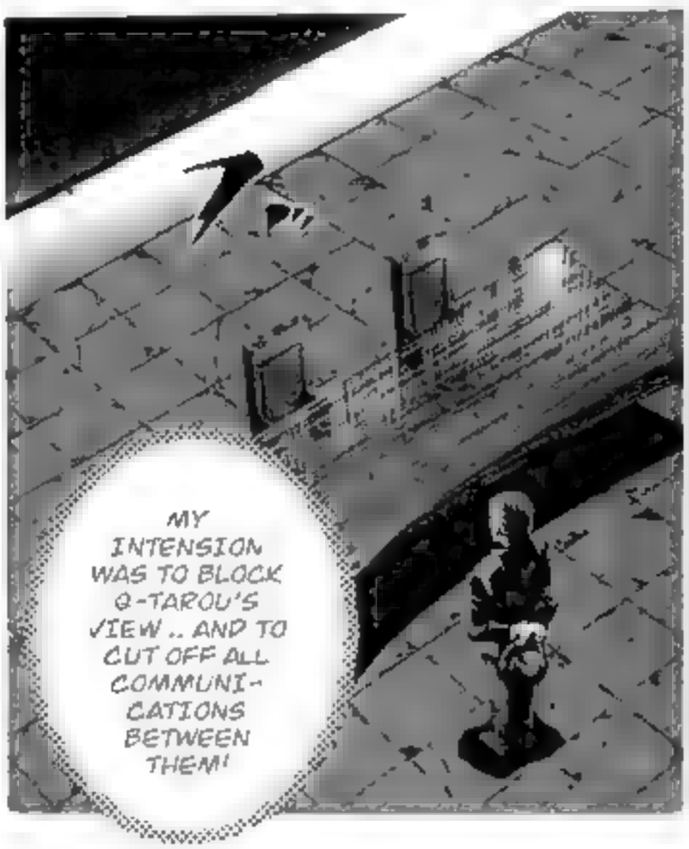
HIS EARS. HE HAS SOMETHING PLUGGED IN HIS EARS!

EXACTLY... WHAT ACTUALLY RUINED RODEMJ'S EYES WAS...
YOU DIDN'T USE ANYTHING LIKE THAT, DID YOU?
THAT WAS NOT BECAUSE OF CAUSTIC SODA
IF I HADNT USED THAT I WOULD HAVE HAD TO GIVE HIM A CAUSTIC SODA BATH
I CREATED TOXIC GAS FROM CHLORINE BASE AND ACIDIC DETER-GENTS... ITS DAMAGE IS LIGHT BUT IT STEALS YOUR EYESIGHT
THE TWO DIFFERENT TYPES OF DETERGENTS THAT I FOUND ON THE 4TH FLOOR WHILE I WAS HIDING THE BAGS
IF HE KNEW ABOUT THE DETERGENTS, THAT GEEZER WOULD MOME-NTARILY LET RODEMU LOOSE, AND WOULD ACT IN ORDER TO RECOVER HIM
THE CAUSTIC SODA STORY WAS A "LIE" TO INVITE A SITUATION, WHERE THAT GEEZER DESPERATELY FORCES RODEMU INTO SUICIDAL ACTIONS


I WANTED RODEMU TO COME AS CLOSE AS POSSIBLE
EVEN IF HIS EYES CAN'T SEE ANYTHING, A MONSTER OPPONENT OF RODEMU'S CALIBER IS TOO DANGEROUS. SO IN ORDER TO SETTLE THE GAMBLE AS SOON AS POSSIBLE..

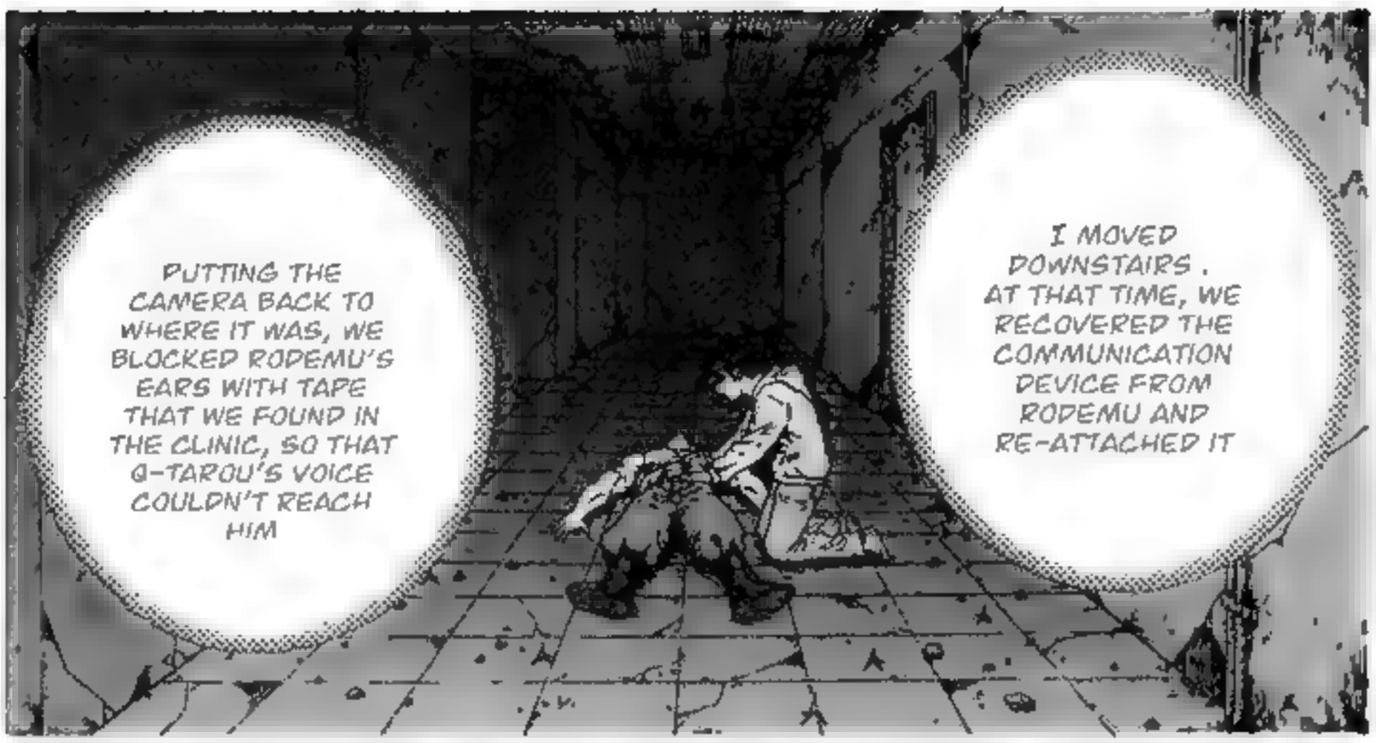

SO I SHOT THE AT THE LAMP

AND THEN. I INJECTED RODEMU WITH SUCCINYL-CHOLINE


MY INTENSION WAS TO BLOCK Q-TAROU'S VIEW .. AND TO CUT OFF ALL COMMUNI-CATIONS BETWEEN THEM!

I FOUND IT WHILST SEARCHING FOR USEFUL OBJECTS IN THE 6TH FLOOR'S CLINIC
I NEVER THOUGH THAT I WOULD FIND SUCH USEFUL TH NGS N THIS ABANDONED BUILDING .. AND EVEN A CLINIC! PERHAPS Q-TAROJ USE IT FOR H S EXPERIMENTS
SUCCINYL-CHOLINE . RIGHT
THAT'S A MUSCLE RELAXANT WITH INSTANT EFFECTS
MOST OF THEM WERE EMPTY, BUT THIS LITTLE THING CALLED SUCCINYL-CHOLINE HAD A LITTLE BIT LEFT IN IT
I NOTICED THE MEDICINES SCATTERED AROUND, WHICH COULDN'T BE USED FOR TREATING A NORMAL PERSON
JMG
AH!
SUCCINYL-CHOLINE FADES WITH N A COUPLE OF MINUTES, BUT ITS EFFECTS ARE IMMEDIATE
WHICH IS ENOUGH TIME TO MAKE THAT OLD GEEZER SUFFER.

OK, BAKU-SAN
HEY KAJI-CHAN, PLAN B BEGINS
W... Who...
.....
Am I?
THE QUESTION OF WHO YOU ARE...
IS SOMETHING THAT YOU NEED TO FIGURE OUT ON YOUR OWN.

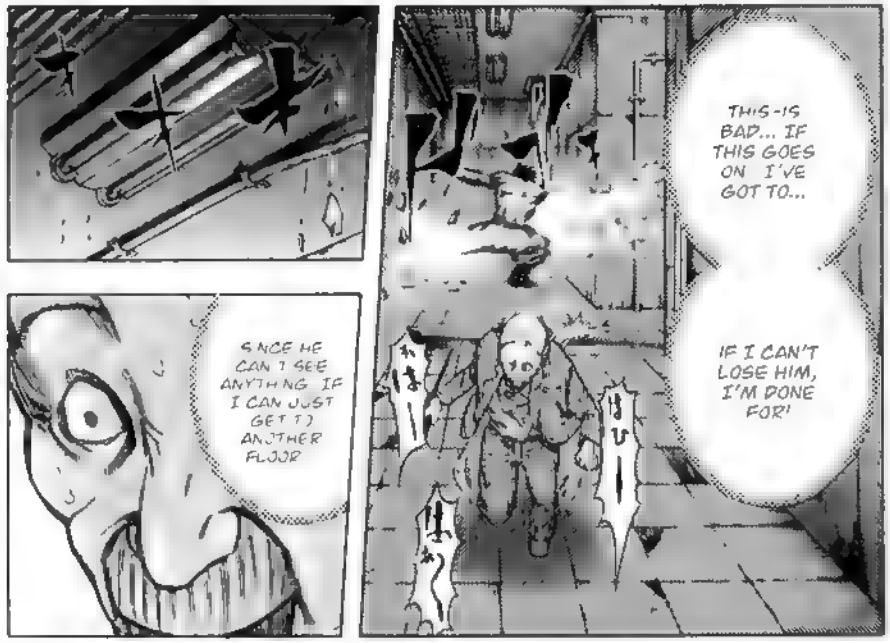

PUTTING THE CAMERA BACK TO WHERE IT WAS, WE BLOCKED RODEMU'S EARS WITH TAPE THAT WE FOUND IN THE CLINIC, SO THAT Q-TAROU'S VOICE COULDN'T REACH HIM
I MOVED DOWNSTAIRS . AT THAT TIME, WE RECOVERED THE COMMUNICATION DEVICE FROM RODEMU AND RE-ATTACHED IT

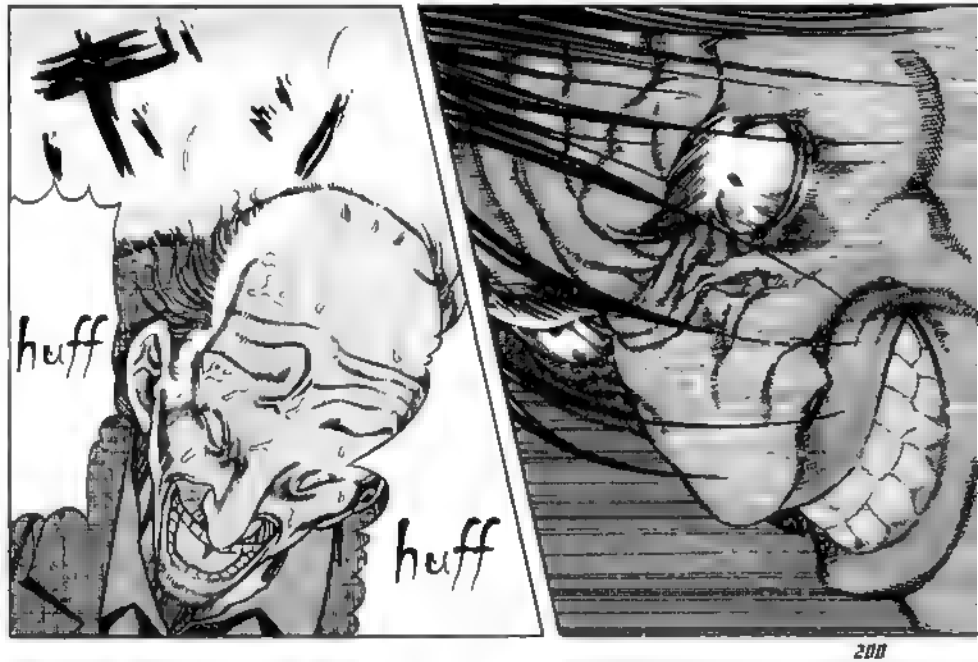
ACCORDING TO Q-TAROU INJECTING HIM WITH A SYRINGE WORKS AS A SWITCH BETWEEN HIS PERSONALITY TRANSFOR-MATIONS
BACK TO RODEMU ONCE AGAIN, I INJECTED HIM WITH AN EMPTY SYRINGE
THEN, IN ORDER TO CONVERT HIS PERSONALITY FROM MARCO

AND I THOUGHT IT WOULD BE GOOD TO CHASE Q-TAROU AWAY FROM THAT ROOM
FINALLY, KAJI-CHAN HID HIMSELF BEFORE THE MEDICINE'S EFFECTS COMPLETELY DISAPPEARED
ARGH
OUCH

huff
huff
huff
huff
huff
huff
huff
huff
SO...
FROM NOW ON
ALL WE NEED TO DO IS JUST WATCH HOW FAR Q-TAROU'S SKILLS CAN GO.

AAAAAH


SINCE HE CAN'T SEE ANYTHING IF I CAN JUST GET TO ANOTHER FLOOR
THIS-IS BAD... IF THIS GOES ON I'VE GOT TO...
IF I CAN'T LOSE HIM, I'M DONE FOR!


huff
huff

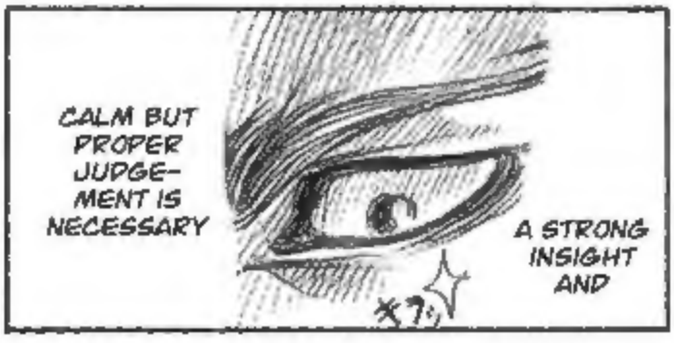
huff
huff
HE WON'T KNOW WHICH FLOOR I'M ON
HAHAHAA, HOW'S THAT! IF I CHANGE FLOORS

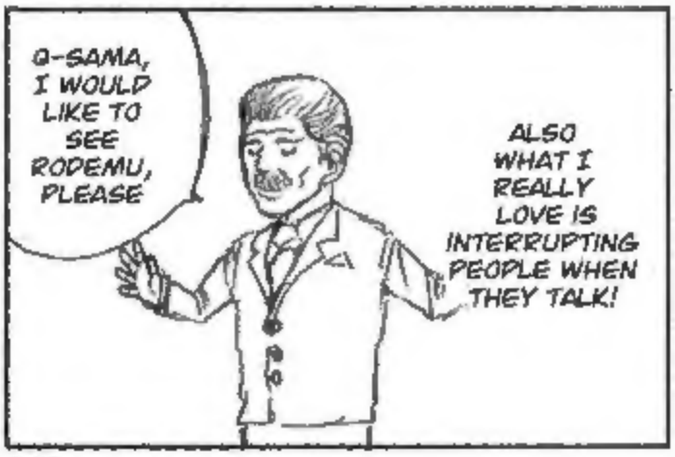
huff
huff

H-
HOW??

THE DEBT COLLECTOR

Yakou Hikoichi



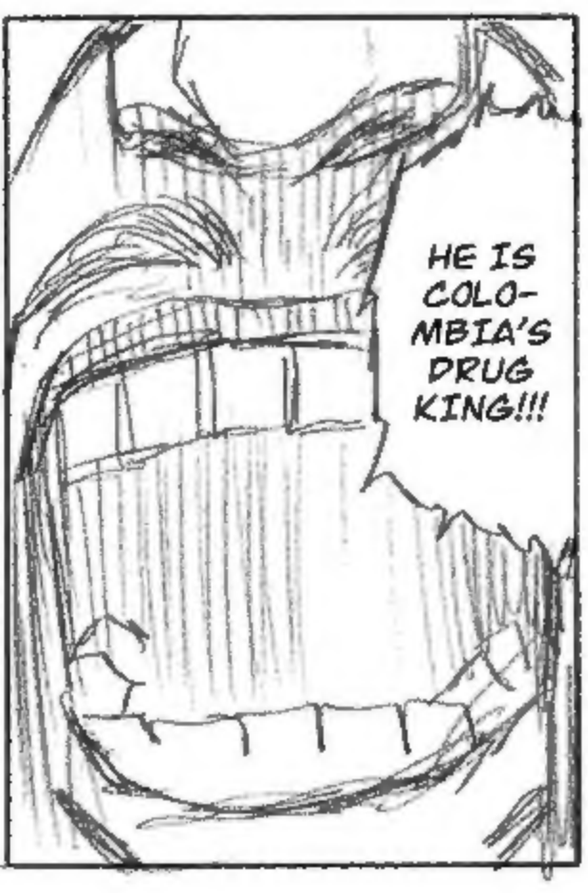


HAA AAA
A REFEREE MUST EXCELL IN BOTH INTELLECT AND BRUTE POWER
DEBT COLLECTION DUTIES...
SEEMS TO SUIT ME MORE
DUE DO MY NATURE, RATHER THAN REFEREE DUTIES...
WHEN I THINK BACK
THOSE WERE THE MOST AMUSING TIMES
UNDER-STOOD
THE ROYAL LEADER OF 2 GENE-RATIONS AGO
YAKOU, COLLECT THE DEBTS!

ON THAT VERY DAY, WITH THE YOUTH OF 2 GENERATIONS AGO
I PUT LOTS OF EFFORT FOR EACH DEBT COLLECTION.

HE FLED BACK TO HIS COUNTRY
THAT LOW LIFE, WITHOUT CONCERNING HIMSELF WITH THE BET HE LOST

!
O... OKAY
GO AND TAKE HIS LIFE AT ONCE, AS A COMPEN-SATION FOR THE BET!!!


HE IS COLO-MBIA'S DRUG KING!!!

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